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Mr. Eugene Murphy, TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
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#### **PQ 12340/19**

The Rosalie Care Home, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon

\*To ask the Minister for Health if a Unit (details supplied) will be reopened to full capacity in order to deal with the rising numbers of Alzheimer and dementia patients in County Roscommon.\*

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

The Rosalie Unit, Castlerea is not an Alzheimer and Dementia specialist unit.

The High Support Hostel known as the Rosalie Unit is a continuing care facility catering for service users with enduring mental illness from the Roscommon area. There are no plans to reopen this unit to its historic bed capacity.

In line with the 2014, "expert review group" report on Galway Roscommon Mental Health Services and Vision for Change policy, Community Healthcare West is currently transitioning away from institutional entities such as hostels, day centres and training centres commonly associated with the mental health service to a service delivery model more recovery focused, normalised, integrated and community facing. This model will provide maximum opportunity for independence, choice, self-direction and recovery for service users and their families.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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