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Anne Rabbitte T.D.,
Minister of State for Disability,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 14040/20

'To ask the Minister for Health if there is a dedicated dementia unit in St. Brendan's, Loughrea, County Galway; if so, if the unit is accepting new patients; if not, when it will be accepting new patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter'.

Dear Minister Rabbitte,

I refer to PQ 14040/20 uploaded on the PAD System on 1st July 2020 and due for response on 20th July 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'if there is a dedicated dementia unit in St. Brendan's, Loughrea, County Galway; if so, if the unit is accepting new patients; if not, when it will be accepting new patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that there is a designated care area in St. Brendan's Community Nursing Unit (CNU) in Loughrea where residents with dementia are admitted for continuing care.

I can confirm that admissions to long term care facilities across Community Healthcare West, including St. Brendan's CNU, is continued in line with National Covid-19 Infection Control Guidelines.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

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