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### PQ 13601/20

**'To ask the Minister for Health when a facility (Merlin Park Alzheimer's Day Centre) closed since March 2020 will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter'.**

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to PQ 13601/20 uploaded on the PAD System on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and due for response on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'when a facility (Merlin Park Alzheimer's Day Centre) closed since March 2020 will reopen; 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.

In relation to the Merlin Park Alzheimer's Day Centre please be advised that Alzheimer's Day Services are managed by ASI (Alzheimer's Society of Ireland). As such, HSE Community Healthcare West has no governance over this service and you need to therefore direct your question to the ASI. However I can inform you that at this time the re-opening of all Day Services in HSE Community Healthcare West and across other CHOs is a national decision as part of returning to normal after the Covid-19 pandemic and the HSE is currently awaiting Covid-19 national guidelines prior to reopening services.

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

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager,  
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