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Senator Ged Nash
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 8636/20 – To ask the Minister for Health when services for Older Persons in Drogheda will be reopened (Day Hospital in the Cottage Hospital); if the status and operation of the service and centre is under review; if the centre will continue to operate in its current form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Ged Nash

Dear Senator Nash,

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 outline the position as follows.

I wish to advise that a review was undertaken of all Day Services in Midlands Louth Meath in 2018. The findings of this review indicated the main activity provided by Cottage Day Service was social interaction with minimal clinical activity. A proposal was received from the Board of the Dermot Kieran's Day Centre Drogheda which would facilitate expansion of their services, to include those service users attending the Cottage Day Service.

The Dermot Kieran Day Centre will continue to operate a social model of day care. Assurances have been given that all current service users attending Cottage Day Care will be accommodated. In relation to reopening of the Dermot Kieran Day Service post COVID, they will soon commence planning reopening adhering to government road map and implementing increased hand sanitation and social distancing in conjunction with the Board of Management of Dermot Kieran's Day.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
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