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Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 59222/21

To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the day care facilities for the elderly are re-opened once refurbishment works are completed at Abbeyleigh Hospital. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 I outline the position as follows.

Renovation works are underway in side A of Abbeyleigh Community Nursing Unit and when complete there will be 10 single en-suite rooms. The renovation works are required from a public health, IPC and HIQA perspective in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is proposed that these renovation works will be complete by Q1 of 2022. In order to facilitate the renovation works the service provided in side A of the CNU had to be vacated and the service was transferred to Side B of the building on an interim basis. Side B of the building is currently designated for intermediate care beds for Portlaoise Hospital. There is no physical space to resume day services on site.

The HSE Midlands Estates Department is actively sourcing an alternative suitable building to provide a day service in Abbeyleigh and the environs of Mountrath and Timahoe. The suitability of the options put forward will be reviewed by Older Person Services as an alternative day service location for the people who previously attended Abbeyleigh. This is currently at the early stages of planning.

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,

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