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Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 59223/21

To ask the Minister for Health his short- term and long-term plans for day care facilities for the elderly for County Laois. -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 required in Portlaoise and Mountmellick day care centres and work is progressing to this end. At present, we are working towards a reopening date for both day care centres in Q1 2022 subject to the renovation works being completed.

Side B of the Abbeyleix community Nursing Unit 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 Abbeyleix 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 Abbeyleix. 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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