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Re: PQ 55267/21

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the resumption of day care services in north County Sligo; and the arrangement his Department will put in place to deliver day care services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The Heath 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 the following outlines the position.

The Social Day Centres in both Cliffoney and Carrigans are situated in the respective Primary Care Centres. Structural reports have been commissioned on both Primary Care Centres.

The structural report on the Cliffoney Primary Care Centre is awaited and HSE Estates are fully appraised of the current situation. The structural report on the Carrigans Primary Care Centre has been completed and is with the Primary Care Department, who have responsibility for the fabric and structure of the building.

Older Persons Services is not currently in a position to advise on a re-opening date. Day Care at Home and increases in both Home Respite and Meals on Wheels have been made available in the North Sligo area, to support older people and their families whilst they await the re-opening of the two Social Day Centres. In conjunction with awaiting the reports for the buildings the HSE is also engaging with an external provider requesting this organisation to explore Day Care facility options in the North Sligo area.

In addition I would also like to advise that the building of the new Primary Care Centres in Drumcliff and Grange continues and both will become operational in 2022 and will provide a wide variety of health services to the local communities.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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