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Houses of Oireachtas  
Leinster House  
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**Ref: PQ/47725/21\_– Homecare Support/Access to Resource Centre's for Alzheimer's Patients**

**PQ Question:**

*“To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which homecare support and access to resource centres for Alzheimer's patients remains available in County Kildare; if any improvements are anticipated or in hand; and if he will make a statement on the matter?”*

*“Bernard Durkan”*

**Response:**

Dear Deputy Durkan,

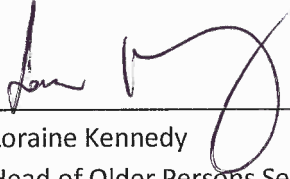
Thank you for your recent representation regarding Homecare Support and access to Resource Centres for Alzheimer's patients.

Resumption of on-site Day Care Services for Older Persons commenced from July 2021. Older Persons living with Dementia (which include Alzheimer's disease) can access these Day Care Services. In County Kildare, the HSE funds the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI) to provide Day Care (both Day Care at Home and in Day Care Centre) as well as in-home respite specifically for Older People living with Dementia. Day Care at Home Services and In-Home Respite have continued throughout the pandemic and additional HSE funding has been approved to enable ASI to continue with Day Care at Home to year-end. ASI had to move from their Day Care Centre in Co Kildare in 2020 and met some challenges in securing an alternative physical location for the provision on-site Day Care Services. ASI has now identified a location and additional funding has been approved by the HSE for the resumption of ASI Day Care Services.

The Health Care Support service and the Home Care Package service also provide care in the home to persons with Dementia. The scope of the service is to provide assistance with the activities of daily living to support the carer. Occasionally, upon assessment, the Health Care Support Assistant/Carer may also provide in-home respite to assist carers being able to leave the home to carry out essential tasks.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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