

20th December 2022

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Leinster House
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Ref: PQ ref 61377/22 – Day Services Aras Mhic Dara Carraroe

Dear Deputy Connolly

I refer to PQ ref 61377/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 5th December 2022, due for response on the 20th December in relation to plans to restore respite and day care facilities and the timeline for same in Aras Mhic Dara Community Nursing Home in Carraroe, Connemara, Co. Galway. The following response outlines the current position.

The recommencement of the Day Care Service in Aras Mhic Dara Community Nursing Home (CNU) is planned for early 2023 subject to staffing availability. Respite Services are currently not available at Aras Mhic Dara CNU but are provided in Merlin Park CNU and Clifden District Hospital. There is a very significant demand for Long Term Care beds (LTC) in Aras Mhic Dara, particularly as it is a Gaeltacht Community Nursing Unit where services are provided trí Ghaelige. We are therefore prioritising the beds that can be operated in Aras Mhic Dara based on the available staffing for LTC beds.

I trust this response addresses the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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