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Mr Charlie Flanagan T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 10670/22

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the re-opening of daycare services at St. Vincent's Community Nursing Home and Abbeyleix Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Charles Flanagan

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

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.

In relation to St Vincent's Mountmellick refurbishment works to the day care are underway at present, contractors are on site and it is envisaged that the day care centre will be operational by April 2022.

Side A of Abbeyleix Community Nursing Unit is currently being renovated and the service is temporarily being provided in Side B of the building. It is planned that Side A will re-open in April 2022 comprising of 10 single occupancy rooms. When side A opens, Side B will provide for 18 intermediate care beds with management of this with Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise.

The day service was previously provided in Side B of the building and it will reopen in Side B in the interim pending operation of the intermediate care beds and sourcing of suitable location for the day service. A schedule of accommodation has been submitted to the Estates department of the HSE to source suitable accommodation in Abbeyleix to provide the day service in the long term, in conjunction with a revised Development Control Plan for the site.

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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