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Ref: PQ 7953/22 – Western Alzheimer's Unit & Alzheimer's Society of Ireland.

Dear Deputy Dillon,

I refer to your correspondence under PQ ref 7953/22 regarding the reopening of Western Alzheimer's Unit in Ballindine and Alzheimer's Society of Ireland facility in Castlebar. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter.

On Monday 14th February, the HSE held a meeting with Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI) to discuss the reopening of Day Care Services in Castlebar. ASI have a new premises secured and are putting a plan in place to reopen the Day Services. As communicated previously, ASI have reconfigured how they deliver Day Care and are providing "Day Care in the home" to clients.

Western Alzheimer's (WA) – The Day Care in Ballindine is not reopened. The Respite Service is open and prior to COVID, the Day Care centre was situated within the Respite residential unit in Ballindine with a shared living area with the respite clients. This increased the Infection Prevention and Control risks. Western Alzheimer's have also reconfigured how they deliver Day Services and are providing Day Care in the home to their clients.

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

Yours sincerely,

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