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Deputy Danny Healy Rae. T.D.,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 54920/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Details Supplied:

“In light of the shortage of home help on the ground in particular in areas of Kerry such as Killarney, Castleisland, Rathmore and Dingle areas , I write on behalf of Local Home Care Services Ltd who are available and well capable of seeing after older people. Can you please provide information on funding for opening a day care centre in the Dingle area It would be prudent that the Government would assist them in opening a day care centre which is badly needed in the area”.

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

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.

The HSE currently supports West Kerry Care of the Aged (Gairdin Mhuire) in the delivery of day care services for older persons in Dingle and West Kerry. This group also provides a vital Meals On Wheels service. In addition, the HSE supports other Meals On Wheels services in Ventry and Ballyferriter.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare’s priority at present is to sustain, fund and develop the existing services that are embedded in the Dingle community and sustained by local volunteers and boards of management.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older People

