

28th October 2022

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Ref PQ ref 52943/22 – Day Care Services Loughrea

Dear Deputy Farrell

I refer to your correspondence dated the 19th October 2022 in relation to the Day Care Services in Loughrea and the progress that is being made to reinstate the service to the St. Brendan's Campus on a full-time basis. The following response outlines the position.

HSE Community Healthcare West (CHW) sought to re-commence Day Service in the purpose built Seven Springs Day Care facility in St Brendan's Community Nursing Unit (CNU) however HIQA obliged St. Brendan's to retain the area which had been used as part of the Designated Centre for a period which included the time all day care services were ceased during Covid as additional communal space for residents. The HSE found it very difficult to identify a suitable location for the Day Services in Loughrea. It was agreed that as an interim solution, Loughrea Hotel be used until such a time a permanent solution could be achieved. A full accommodation review has since been completed on Loughrea Campus and a suitable area has been identified. A business proposal has been agreed and will be submitted to HSE Estates for further action.

HIQA subsequently agreed to St Brendan's operating a day-care service one day per week on a Wednesday for 14 attendees in the Seven Springs Centre within the CNU building. Day-care services commenced operating from the Loughrea Spa Hotel on Monday 26th September, 2022. The service operates on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and has capacity for 24 attendees.

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

Yours sincerely



Siobhan O'Sullivan
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