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Re: PQ 44508/22

To ask the Minister for Health if will provide an update on the day-care services in north Sligo, Cliffoney and Maugherow; when those services will resume to meet the demand in the area; the interim measures that are being considered by the HSE to provide off-site services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The Heath 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 the following outlines the position.

At present the Social Day centres in Cliffoney and Carrigans remain closed as they do not comply with Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Guidance and following completion of structural reports they were deemed unsuitable for the delivery of Day Services.

The HSE remains committed to the provision of a Social Day Centre in both these areas and has requested a Third Party Provider to explore alternative options in the area.

Older Persons Services continue to provide Home Respite and Meals on Wheels to support older people and their families (based on an assessment of need being completed by the Public Health Nursing Service) whilst they await the re-opening of the Social Day Centres.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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