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David Cullinane T.D. Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2.

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Re: PQ 44509/22

To ask the Minister for Health when day care services will resume in west Sligo and at the day care centre in Easkey; if there are plans to resume a five-day service; 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.

I wish to confirm that the Social Day Centre closed in March 2020 due to National and Public Health advice, which was secondary to the Covid-19 global pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, Easkey Social Day Centre operated from Monday to Thursday each week.

Due to staff shortages at this time, it is not possible to run the Social Day Centre in Easkey four days per week. It currently operates on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. A recruitment campaign is underway and as soon as resources become available the delivery of the Social Day Centre Service from Easkey Day Centre will be increased.

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

Rose Kooner

Rose Mooney Acting GM on behalf of Martin Collum General Manager Services for Older Persons CHO 1.