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Ref PQ ref 17272/23 – Day Care Facilities - Áras Mhic Dara Community Nursing Unit

“To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the reopening of the Day Centre in Áras Mhic Dara in Carraroe; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to PQ 17272/23 received on the 5th April 2023, due for response on the 28th April regarding an update on the timeline for the reopening of Day Services at Áras Mhic Dara at Carraroe in County Galway. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following outlines the current position.

The recommencement of the Day Care Services in Áras Mhic Dara Community Nursing Unit (CNU) have not opened as planned for early 2023. Day Care Services in Áras Mhic Dara was provide previously in conjunction with the residential services in the same communal space but due to regulatory reasons this can no longer continue. It is planned to recommence the service in a separate area of Áras Mhic Dara subject to staffing on a phased basis, one day per week initially. Staffing this service continues to be very challenging even though we have a rolling recruitment campaign in place, regular engagement with local agencies as well as requesting staff to be as flexible as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,

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