



31st May 2023

Deputy Pa Daly,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 23598/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is not a day care health facility in County Kerry for those who have mental health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare aim to promote and protect the mental health of the population and to provide effective services to those who need them. Mental Health Services work collaboratively with other Health and Social Care Services. Our services have a strong focus on recovery and co-production and have consistently sought to develop and enhance community based services and reduce, where appropriate, those treated in more acute services. Community mental health teams provide services in out-patient clinics, day hospitals and day centres.

Day Centres in Kerry operate on a Monday to Friday basis at the locations listed below;

Killarden	Cloghereesta, Hawley Park	Tralee
Fertha View	Hospital Grounds	Cahersiveen
Teach Mhuire	Rathmore	Rathmore
Ard Alainn	Ardmoniel	Killorglin
Tearman	C/o Dingle Community Hospital	Dingle
Shanowen	Old Convent Lane	Castleisland
Fiachne	C/o Kenmare Community Hospital	Kenmare
Leawood House	Countess Road	Killarney

If a service user wishes to avail of this type of service we would advise them to contact their community mental health team to discuss the matter further.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Julie O' Neill
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