

3rd October 2023

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Ref: PQ ref 40728/23

To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reopening of the Day Centre in Áras Mhic Dara in Carraroe; the reason the day centre did not re-open on 11 September 2023, as planned; if the promised bus service is in place to date; to clarify whether the promised nursing role has been filled to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

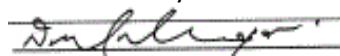
Dear Deputy Connolly

I refer to PQ ref 40728/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 18th September, 2023 due for response on the 3rd October regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health regarding the reopening of the Day Centre in Áras Mhic Dara in Carraroe; the reason the Day Centre did not re-open on the 11th September 2023 as planned; if the promised bus service is in place to date; to clarify whether the promised nursing role has been filled to date. The HSE have been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the current position.

I can confirm that the Day Centre re-opened on the 20th September, 2023 with four attendees, it did not re-open on the 11th September due to insufficient referrals. The bus service is in place for those wishing to use the service. There is a Clinical Nurse Manager (CNM2) who assists with day care services in Galway who was in attendance on the 20th September and is also involved in the reviewing of referrals.

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

Yours sincerely



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