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Deputy Ryan O'Meara Leinster House Kildare St. Dublin 2

Re: PQ 5229/25 - "To ask the Minister for Health if Dementia and Alzheimer's Care Services will be provided in the Nenagh Primary Care Centre, which is currently under construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy O'Meara,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that when the Primary Care Centre at Nenagh becomes fully operational, existing HSE staff and services will relocate to the new Primary Care Centre building from existing HSE buildings.

In response to the query outlined above, I can advise that the HSE has no plans to provide dedicated services at the Primary Care Centre for patients who have been diagnosed with Dementia or Alzheimers.

However, I can advise that clinicians attached to HSE Primary Care Services (e.g. Public Health Nursing, Speech and Language, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services) may have patients on their caseload who have been diagnosed with Dementia or Alzheimers. These clinicians will continue to provide treatment/intervention to their patients from the Primary Care Centre or in their own home depending on the circumstances.

I trust the above information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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