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Deputy Joe Cooney,  
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**PQ 22169/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the plans her Department and the HSE have with regard to the future delivery of day care services from Regina House in Kilrush; and if she will make a statement on the matter - Joe Cooney.**

Dear Deputy Cooney,

I refer to your correspondence dated the 30th April, 2025.

Prior to 2020, the Day Centre in Regina House operated five days per week, providing services to the older person population of West Clare. These services were temporarily closed in 2020 due to public health restrictions as part of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In mid-2022, a decision was made to reopen the Day Centre. However, due to recruitment challenges this has not happened to date.

We have been in contact with voluntary agencies in Clare with a view to providing day services to older adults, including people with dementia, from Regina House and an options appraisal has been completed to determine the best approach to the operation of the day centre. We are progressing a plan to reopen a day centre at Regina House in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI) and Clarecare in Q4 2025.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,

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