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To ask the Minister for Health the cost of increasing funding for dementia specific day care by 10%.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

The HSE supports the delivery of day care services nationally, whilst these services may not be considered dementia specific, a large number of people with dementia attend and benefit greatly from these services each week.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) operate a number of dementia specific day care services nationally and are financially supported and managed by the HSE through Service Level Agreements within each Health Region. For clients who are unable to attend “traditional” day care at a day care centre for various reasons e.g. significant mobility issues, mental health issues, etc, ASI also offer a relatively new Day Care at Home service that offers many of the positive interventions of “traditional” day care but is delivered within the clients own home.

The costs of both services are outlined below in table 1. The total cost of ASI led Dementia Day Care Services is €9,563,304 per year. The cost to increase funding for dementia specific day care by 10% is estimated to be €956,330 additional funding per year.

**Table 1: Cost to increase ASI Day Care Services by 10% (as of May 30<sup>th</sup> 2025)**

Day Care Service	Cost Per Year	Cost to increase funding by 10%
Day Care (Traditional)	€7,065,084	€706,508
Day Care (At Home)	€2,498,220	€249,822
Total	€9,563,304	€956,330



I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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