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**PQ ref 54428/25**

**"To ask the Minister for Health to outline plans for a day centre service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter".**

**Details Supplied: Macroom Day Care Centre at the Health Centre Building in Macroom**

Dear Deputy O'Shea,

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

The HSE plans to use part of the revamped Health Centre building at Macroom Hospital as a Day Care Centre for the older population of Macroom and the surrounding areas. The benefits of Day Care services are well recognised as being fundamental to the health and well-being of older persons, forming part of the continuum of care that enables our older people to remain independent and living well in their own homes and communities.

HSE South West is aware that a Day Care Centre will be a very welcome addition to the range of health services currently provided for the people of Macroom and its environs. Day care, along with meals on wheels and home support, has proven to be an important component of the community services offered to older people, particularly in rural communities where these services can be essential in addressing loneliness and isolation.

Day care centres provide a range of services for older people and there can be variation in the staffing of these centres and in the services they provide. HSE South West has been engaging with a range of stakeholders in the area about the proposed centre, taking into account parameters such as population need, funding capacity and staff availability so that we can deliver the most appropriate Day Care service for Macroom.

It is not yet possible to define a timeline for when this project can be delivered as prioritisation and allocation of capital funding is still currently awaited. Once prioritisation and allocation of capital funding is in place the works can then progress through the different stages of the project to the tender phase. Once that phase has been completed, we can set timelines for progression and completion of this project. HSE South West will ensure that the community is kept updated in this regard.

I trust this clarifies the position and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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