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**Re: Rep ref REPDR/21/06482 - SFOPREP21048(2) –
Restoration of Dementia Day Services Cavan**

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence received in my office regarding the need to have Day Care Services restored for persons with Dementia in County Cavan and other areas. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in County Cavan;

I can confirm that Day Care service has resumed in the Virginia Care Centre and in the Cootehill Day Care Centre and work is at an advanced stage to open the Day Care Centre in Swanlinbar. All of these services do and will continue to provide a service to those with dementia. I can advise that the Service Manager for Services for Older Persons (SFOP) Cavan Monaghan is working closely with Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI) and the local branch of the ASI in relation to the provision of day care services in the Cavan town area.

The Service Manager has secured funding for essential capital works on the building adjacent to the Sullivan Centre, Cavan, where day care services had formerly been provided. These works are commencing this week and will include essential repairs to the roof and a full upgrade of the interior. While these works are ongoing day care at home continues to be provided and this service is proving to be a huge benefit to those with Alzheimer's and their family. Works will take place over the coming months and Day Services will reopen on completion of same.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Collum,
General Manager,
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