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Mark Wall, TD  
Houses of Oireachtas  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Ref: PQ/25/002122 – Allenwood Day Care Centre**

**REP Question:**

*“To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with a day care centre in Kildare south (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

*“Mark Wall”*

**Response**

Dear Deputy Wall,

The HSE funds St Vincent De Paul through a service level arrangement to deliver the Day Care Service and a Meals on Wheels Service in the Allenwood and surrounding area.

St. Vincent de Paul contacted the HSE on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to advise that they no longer had a board in place but they have a service manager for Allenwood Day Care Centre.

It was agreed in a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 that the Day Care service would remain open in January 2025 to ensure continuity of this vital service, pending further discussions.

Following a communication by St Vincent de Paul directly with service users, the HSE wrote to St Vincent De Paul in December 2024 to request that this vital service is maintained for vulnerable service users pending further discussions and to also give the HSE time to find an alternative service provider should St Vincent De Paul decide to cease delivering the service permanently.

At a meeting with the HSE on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, St Vincent De Paul advised that they can no longer provide the service. This is most regrettable for the service users. The HSE will now seek an alternative day care provider and will review options within existing day care services for service users.

We will endeavour to keep service users and all interested stakeholders fully updated as information is available.

Yours sincerely,

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