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Re: 24489 PQ ref 53131/19 – CRC Swimming Pool. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a swimming pool (details supplied) announced it is discontinuing the adult-only session each weekday morning between 9am and 10am; and if this change is due to the funding or staff allocation for the facility being cut – Denise Mitchell

Details: the Central Remedial Clinic Swimming Pool, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf which is attended by a lot of elderly people, many who attend this session on medical advice due to knee, back and hip problems.

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The CRC is an organisation that provides services to approximately 4,000 people each year. Most of the services are provided from the Clontarf campus. The CRC has a swimming pool that is primarily for use by the children and adults with disabilities and for many years the CRC has been able to provide open public hours for the community.

Due to increasing demands on services and the need for clients and staff to be able to get to appointments in the CRC there was a need to review the activity on the campus to prioritise the delivery of services to clients and their families.

Unfortunately, due to increasing pressure on the CRC car park, several measures had to be looked at to improve access, which is a particular issue in the mornings during the school term. Each morning there are clients, families and staff arriving for appointments and services, along with 22 school buses bringing almost 100 children to our school. Additionally, a fleet of CRC buses bringing adult clients in for services. The public pool hour was attracting between 12 to 22 members of the public (all in cars) on to the site and adding to the high level of morning activity.

As a result of this pressure a review of the 9am-10am swimming hour as the attendees to the pool are occupying parking spaces that need to be available for clients and staff. Every effort has been made not to cancel any public swimming hours, which the CRC recognise are important activities for everyone and they have swapped the early morning public hour to a later time on the same day. Due to times of clinics the CRC can continue to facilitate the Friday morning slot.

This arrangement will be reviewed in early February 2020.

Please see the new times in the timetable attached; currently the CRC provides 27 public hours a week for the community

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

Yours sincerely,

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