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To ask the Minister for Health if developmental checks on babies by public health nurses are proceeding under current Covid-19 restrictions in counties Carlow and Kilkenny.

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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

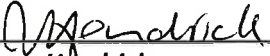
I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

The Public Health Nursing (PHN) Department, like many other departments in the HSE were affected in mid-March by Covid-19. It meant that developmental assessments were stopped temporarily. In resuming developmental checks and other PHN services, guidelines on social distancing and infection control must be observed.

I can confirm that developmental assessments for 3 month old and 9 month old children have resumed in the Carlow and Kilkenny areas since July 2020 and assessments for 18 month old children and 3 year old children have resumed since September 2020. The PHN Department is currently working hard to try to clear the backlogs of developmental checks which resulted from Covid-19.

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

Yours sincerely,


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