

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Deputy Aindrias Moynihan,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ Ref: 40759/20**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the consideration being taken on a service (details supplied) to be extended to a seven-day service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**Details Supplied: COPE, Macroom**

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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

Regrettably, due to Covid 19 crisis, respite services across Cork and Kerry were severely impacted on and resulted in either services ceasing operations on a temporary basis or services being offered in an alternative way to endeavour to support clients and families presenting with the highest risk. Disability Services engaged with our Service Providers to plan for the phased resumption of services and the development of alternative models of service delivery.

With specific reference to Cope's service in Dan Corkery Place, Macroom, this is a respite service which operates for adults with intellectual disabilities and provides 5 days residential service every second week in a shared accommodation (4 bedrooms are shared bedrooms). There are approximately 20 service users who avail of this service. Cope have advised that a Resumption and Reconfiguration (R&R) Oversight Group has been established within Cope Foundation and this group is working on the phased reopening and re-configuration of Cope Foundation services affected by Covid-19. As all bedrooms in the property at Dan Corkery Place, Macroom are shared bedrooms a second property will need to be purchased in order to provide supports for a full 24/7 service for all residents. A proposal is currently been prepared for submission for a 7 day opening and it is envisaged that it will be submitted by the middle January 2021. Thereafter, the HSE will have to review in line with any available resources.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely



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