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Ms Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 14480/20

To ask the Minister for Health when Lisadell day services, Mullingar, County Westmeath will reopen for day care services for those that due to profound disability urgently require this reopening; the activities which may not return; if a reduced amount of attending hours is envisaged upon reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

A 'Framework for the Resumption of Adult Disability Day Services' has been issued to Muiriosa on 29.05.20 and further Guidance was issued Wednesday 08.07.20. This Guidance details all Infection Prevention & Control systems to be applied across all areas of Adult Disability Day Services.

A recent communiqué from National H.S.E outlines that all Providers are working to reopen Day Services and will be in touch with Individuals and their families to discuss what they may expect with the resumption of day service's and what that service will consist of.

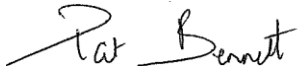
- Some Service Providers will be able to phase in the reopening of day services at a faster rate than others as a number of day service staff are supporting other disability services areas and arrangements for their return to day services are currently been progressed.
- As Day Service Providers take holidays in August and the providers will commence the phasing in of day services after the August holiday break in line with infection control guidance.

Finally, the HSE aim in partnership with providers is to reopen Day Services throughout Westmeath/Longford in a safe and person centred manner to meet individual and family need.

The COVID 19 current status is fluid and if there are changes it may impact on the above plan.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "B".

Pat Bennett
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