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Mr. Paul Donnelly, TD Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2.

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Re: 26795 PQ ref 19832/20 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of day care centres in west County Dublin that have now reopened; the number that will be reopened by September 2020; if any of these centres will not be in a position to reopen by that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

CHO Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) has established a Steering Group to guide the reopening of day services across Disability Services, Older Person Services and Mental Health Services. The purpose of the group is to identify key actions required to support both statutory and non-statutory agencies to provide essential services to individuals, with consideration and adherence to public health guidance.

The Steering Group are currently identifying the needs and wishes of existing services users, the existing capacity and resources within services and identifying individuals who are a priority for re-engagement in services considering social and clinical factors.

The group meet fortnightly and consider guidance provided from the Department of Health, National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET) and National HSE Departments. This information will assist in developing the overall strategy and support provided to all relevant agencies to develop a clear plan for the reopening of services.

CHO DNCC have begun preparatory works to re-open day services and it is anticipated the two Day Care Centres in Dublin West will reopen mid to late September, 2020.

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

Yours sincerely,

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