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Re: PQ ref 20175/20

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of day care centres in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have now reopened; the number that will be reopened by September 2020; the number that will not be in a position to reopen by September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to Day Care Centres for Older Persons in Counties Cavan and Monaghan that have now reopened, the number that will be reopened by September 2020 and the number that will not be in a position to reopen by September 2020. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

I can advise that there are two Day Care Centres under the operation of HSE Services for Older Persons Cavan Monaghan and there are also a number of Day Care Centres for Older Persons operated by outside Agencies in Counties Cavan and Monaghan. The Covid 19 crisis resulted in closure of all Day Care Centres for Older Persons. To date Cavan Monaghan Day Care Centres for Older Persons have not re-opened.

There is ongoing discussion both at national and CHO level in relation to the reopening of Day Care Centres in order to assess their Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) processes to support resumption of service delivery.

It is hoped that Day Centres will be in a position to open mid-September, however, this will be guided by the Department of Health and will be in line with Department of Health Public Health guidelines for the HSE. As healthcare settings differ greatly in their function it is not possible to provide a one size fits all approach to managing risk on return to full day care service, therefore service provision may occur on a phased basis.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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