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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of day care centres for persons with intellectual disabilities in County Kildare that have submitted applications for funding in order to reopen; the total amount required; the total amount allocated to date by the Department; the total amount that will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter." - Patricia Ryan TD

Dear Deputy Ryan.

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The resumption of day services for adults with disabilities started in August 2020. The HSE have developed a framework for the resumption of adult day services to support this. The HSE also published an online portal to provide up to date information regarding the status of each day service location in the context of opening dates for each location and details of the capacity relevant to each location. (Link to portal below)

https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/newdirections/resumption-of-adult-day-services-for-adults-with-disabilities.html

Once off funding will be made available to Service Providers operating Day Services to people with intellectual disabilities. This funding is to allow for purchasing of new technology for Day Service Providers in order to reopen and deliver Day Services in the safest way possible. Each CHO has issued invites to Day Service Providers to date.

The deadline for submission is the 4th of September and has not yet expired. Therefore the HSE does not currently have the information requested.

Ann O'Shea, Chief Officer will be making arrangements to meet with the Public Representatives in the near future and will be happy to answer any queries you may have also.

I trust the above information is of use to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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