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**To ask the Minister for Health when services will be resumed in the Central Remedial Clinic, University Hospital Waterford in view of the fact services continued during Covid-19 in the clinic in Clontarf, Dublin 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh

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

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

The Central Remedial Clinic (CRC) advised the HSE that throughout this time, similar to all CRC services, CRC Waterford has remained open and maintained an emergency support & advisory service for CRC Waterford clients.

A core team of all disciplines: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy, Dietetics, Social Work, Psychology, Administration & ATSS, was identified at the start of lockdown and these staff members continued to work either based in the clinic or working remotely. All CRC local clients were contacted by a team member, either by phone, letter or e-mail as appropriate, and advised of the changes and how the service was operating during the Covid-19 emergency lockdown period.

During this period, the support and advisory service for children and their families was primarily through on-line and telephone support, several of which were as multidisciplinary virtual appointments which received positive feedback.

It is understood that CRC Waterford is engaging in CRC's overall business recovery plan for the re-establishment of the service in line with public health guidance.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janette Dwyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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**Ms. Janette Dwyer**  
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