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RE: 26481 PQ ref 13184/20 -

'To ask the Minister for Health when a disability service (details supplied) can reopen; if the reopening of the service will be delayed; if interim measures can be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.' DETAILS: Daughters of Charity service in Blakestown, Dublin 15. Concerns among service users the service reopening will be delayed as the centre will be used as part of Covid-19 healthcare

Dear Deputy

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 the following outlines the position.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Day Services for individuals with Disabilities in Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) were reduced from 13th March, 2020, with supports remaining for individuals who were identified as high risk.

The Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services (DOCDSS) wrote to families on the 24th June 2020 outlining plans for a phased resumption of Day Services from September 2020. This correspondence advised some Day Service locations would need to be retained in the interim as isolation hubs. Blakestown Day Service is currently being used as an isolation hub for Covid-19 positive individuals who attend DOCDSS. The DOCDSS reviewed the number of beds retained for use as isolation hubs and advised Blakestown is to be continued to be used for this purpose and would not be available for use as a Day Service location.

DOCDSS contacted families to state alternative options are being planned for September 2020. In the interim, a number of families have been offered crisis Day Service supports based on risk assessments at an alternative location. Further contact will be made with families in late July/early August 2020 giving specific information of the proposed plan for resumption of phased Day Service supports for their family members.

CHO DNCC will continuously review the requirement for the Blakestown Service to remain as an isolation hub.

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

Yours sincerely,

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