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'To ask the Minister for Health when a facility (details supplied) will resume services; and when services and support facilities for children and or adults with intellectual disabilities will resume services' DETAILS SUPPLIED: Prosper Fingal – Strand St, Townparks, Skerries, Co. Dublin

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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, with supports remaining for individuals who were identified as high risk.

As part of its Covid-19 response, Prosper Fingal put in place a range of measures and supports including Person-to-Person supports, supports in the community, phone/online supports, Day Respite and In-Home supports where critical. In addition, Prosper Fingal provided 24/7 respite to clients in greatest need, and residential service provision continued. To provide clarity and confidence to service users, families and the community at large, Prosper Fingal set out the supports provided on a weekly basis on their Covid-19 Dashboard. These dashboards are uploaded on a weekly basis and can be viewed by all of key stakeholders on the Prosper Fingal Facebook account. These new ways of supporting service users and their families have been put in place for the duration of Covid-19.

Following guidance from the HSE National Community Operations-Disability Services "Guidance to Support the Framework for the Resumption of Adult Disability Services", Prosper Fingal is now working toward a phased re-opening commencing in August 2020. It is acknowledged capacity will be considerably reduced due to current social distancing requirements and infection prevention and control measures. In addition, day service staff who were re-deployed to residential service provision are now being reinstated.

Prosper Fingal will be in touch with all families and service users during the month of July 2020 to discuss when they may expect the resumption of their service and what that service will consist of.

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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