



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Disability Service
South East Community Healthcare
Health Service Executive
Lacken, Dublin Road
Kilkenny R95NV08

Telephone 353 56 7784319

22nd October 2020

Ms Kathleen Funchion TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 30109/20

To ask the Minister for Health the measures being put in place to address the transport issues facing many of the families which use Cumas, New Ross; if the service sought an additional funding allocation to address the transport issues in the service; when the current CAPs system will draw to a close; when full service will resume at the centre; and the way in which the priority system is for service users currently configured; and if all families have received correspondence regarding same.

Dear Deputy Funchion

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 Framework for the Resumption of Adult Disability Day Services and the Guidance to support that framework provides clarity in this regard. There may be requirements to reduce capacity in respect of individual services received by clients to ensure services continue to be delivered as safely as possible in the context of COVID. The quantum of service provided to any individual may be reduced as service providers have to operate within COVID guidance.

The Local Disability Team is currently reviewing all day services across the South East in the context of additional funding received to enhance day services. Cumas Services Wexford will be included as part of this work.

The HSE Disability service understand that it is a very difficult and challenging time for all clients and their families, including those who attend Cumas and we will continue to liaise with the provider and families in relation to this matter.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Janette Dwyer
Head of Service, Disability Service, South East Community Healthcare