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"To ask the Minister for Health when adult day services will resume at St. Raphael's, Celbridge, County Kildare in view of the fact that such supports are highly required; if the same level of hours prior to Covid-19 will be maintained in view of the urgency of the matter."

- Bernard J. Durkan TD

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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 recommenced in August 2020. The HSE have developed a framework for the resumption of adult day services to support this. The HSE 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>

St. Raphael's re-opened on 17th August 2020. Under Public Health advice in relation to social distancing, capacity in St Raphael's day services is reduced. While a full reopening of adult day services would be ideal, St. Raphael's is committed to the health and wellbeing of both service users and staff and as a result all COVID-19 safety guidelines are being adhered to.

A national New Directions sub group has prepared a framework to support service providers as they resume services. This group is represented by service users, their families, service providers and the HSE. The aim of this framework is to ensure the safety of people who use these services. It ensures that Staff and Service providers follow public health guidance. The number of people that can be supported in each service location will depend on the size of the location as social distancing rules must be followed. Service providers are contacted families directly and discussing plans for returning. All actions arising from the day service resumption plan are underpinned by COVID-19 guidance and all decisions taken must be COVID proofed.

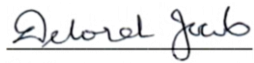
The HSE has collated information from all service providers in respect of the additional resources required to provide a greater quantum of service to service users and families than that which can be delivered within existing resources. This request for additional resources has been escalated to Senior Management of the HSE and will form part of the Winter Planning process that the HSE is currently engaged in. We await the outcome of that process and will engage with the provider sector when any additional resource is agreed. This funding bid is to enhance the amount of service that people are currently receiving but it is not to fully restore a 30

hour per week day service. In regard to the resumption of full time services - we will have to act in accordance with public health advice at all times so it is not possible to predict when services can be restored to pre COVID levels.

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

Yours sincerely,

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