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Deputy Brendan Griffin T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 24809/20:

“To ask the Minister for Health when day care services will resume in locations (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: Daycare Services in Valentia and Caherciveen Community Hospitals, Co. Kerry.

Dear Deputy Griffin,

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.

The spread of COVID-19 throughout our communities has posed significant challenges for many areas of our Older Person's Services, particularly Day Care Services which ceased on the basis of Public Health advice at the outset of the Pandemic.

In Cork and Kerry preparatory work is on-going in advance of the reopening of Day Care Centres. A Framework for the resumption of Day Care Services for Older People has been issued with guidance relating to the safe reopening of day services for older people. A risk assessment of services is underway locally with a view to allowing day services to resume when it is deemed safe to do so and public health guidance can be maintained, regarding infection control and social distancing.

Dates have not been finalised for the reopening of Day Care Centres, however, engagement with Day Care attendees continues to ensure that their essential needs are addressed through other forms of Home and Community Supports.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle O'Keefe
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