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PQ ref 61350/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the prioritisation of persons with learning disabilities regarding access to day services in Bunrana, County Donegal; the criteria for this prioritisation; the person or body that decides the priority list; and the location in which it is published in order that service users and carers can read and understand the prioritisation of the service user.

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn

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.

The categories for prioritisation of service users are based on the National Framework for Resumption of Adult Disability Day Services, which is available on the HSE website. In line with the National Framework, the planning for the resumption of day services involved a review of the personal plans of all service users to address their priority needs and to agree their priority rating in terms of the quantum and type of support the service users required.

There are four priority levels, P1 – P4, and these are based on the service users' needs, any behaviors of concern, risks and personal circumstances at home. Multidisciplinary Team Meetings involving professionals from one or more clinical disciplines were held to make decisions regarding the recommended treatment and services for each service user and to determine a risk rating for each service user which places them on a priority level of P1 to P4

As of 22nd November, the day services for Priority 1 clients have resumed to pre-Covid-19 outbreak levels at Cashel na Cor, with the service increasing on a phased basis in line with the management of the recent COVID-19 outbreak. Additional home support packages on

a case-by-case basis have been made available to families that were unable to avail of day services.

I trust that this is of assistance but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely



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