

7th December 2021

Deputy Padraig O' Sullivan Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2.

PQ ref 58104/21 "To ask the Minister for Health when there will be full return of adult disability day services in the Cork North Lee area; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parlimentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Disability Services are actively engaged with all service providers in Cork regarding the resumption of adult day services. This process has been guided by the HSE National Resumption of Day Services framework which has been circulated to all service providers. Service providers are resuming services on a phased basis and in line with public health guidelines. They actively engage with our department regarding the resumption of services and complete regular local reviews regarding the quantum of services being delivered.

At present, the framework for resumption of services recommends 100% return to services and the majority of the services providers have restored services to this level. However, during the fourth wave of the pandemic, staffing levels in the agencies have been impacted due to Covid related leave and this has led to delays in re-commencing days services in full in some areas. If individual clients have specific queries regarding the quantum of service being provided, they should speak directly to the service provider to seek resolution in their personal case.

All service providers continue to work to resume services in line with HSE National Resumption of Services framework.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely

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