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Deputy Ivana Bacik,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 45140/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department will take to provide the necessary capital and revenue resources arising from public health guidelines to facilitating the full reopening and safe operation of day care services.

-Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Funding is available within HSE 2021 current financial estimations of full year spend to provide for the re-opening of services on a level commensurate with pre Pandemic. However, the main issue arising in the re-opening of services will be compliance with Public Health guidelines to ensure the provision of safe services.

Following from the publication of the Government's "Reframing the challenge, continuing our recovery and reconnecting"; all day service providers were asked to prepare plans for the full restoration of day services by October 22nd. These plans are currently being drafted and all service providers have indicated their commitment to the process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne O'Neill,
National Director,
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