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Re: PQ 62521/22

To ask the Minister for Health the day centres in a specific area (details supplied) of the 315 day centres nationwide that are expected to be re-opened before Christmas 2022; if he will provide a timeline for the eventual re-opening of the remaining day centres which will not be re-opened before the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

As a follow up to my recent Topical Issue on Wednesday 7th December on the re-opening of Day Centres; the Sligo/Leitrim Constituency; I am particularly interested in a timeline for the re-opening of St. Patrick's Day Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, Our Lady's Hospital Day Centre, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, Arus Carolan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim, Easkey, Co. Sligo, Carrigans and Cliffooney Day Centres, Co. Sligo.

Dear Deputy Harkin

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.

St. Patrick's Hospital

The day hospital at St Patricks Community Hospital continues to remain closed while awaiting upgrade works to commence. A date of these works to commence has not yet been agreed.

As an interim measure the HSE has been exploring alternative venues in the Carrick on Shannon area from which day services can be delivered. Currently a venue has been identified and is being assessed for suitability. Once approved the Service Manager will link with transport services etc as to ensure clients from the Carrick on Shannon area can avail of the service. It is planned that the day hospital will operate two day per week as per pre covid allocations and it is hoped that it will be operational in Q1 of 2023.



Services provided in the Social Day Care centres include:

- Provision of a hot meal and snacks.
- Meaningful activities such as music therapy, board games, arts and crafts and reminiscence, bingo and memory games.
- Gentle exercise.
- Health and Safety Promotion.
- Health Talks.
- Fire Safety awareness, Safety in the Home.

There are also alternative Day Services available in Leitrim which clients can attend, for example, in Drumsna, Ballinaglera, Carrigallen, Ballinamore and Drumkeerin. Those service users who previously attended the Falls Clinic have been referred to the Falls Team, which is part of the recently established Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons (ICTOP) Team, located at St Patrick's Community Hospital. Additionally, services such as befriending calls, increased Home Support, Meals on Wheels and Home Respite have been made available.

Arus Carolan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim

The Mohill Social Day Centre was run from Arus Carolan Nursing Unit a HIQA Designated Centre. The continued operation of the day centre from Arus Carolan was deemed as non-compliant with HIQA Standards and as a consequence the service had to be withdrawn. The Day Service was then relocated to the purpose built Ballinamore Nursing Unit and is operated by the Leitrim Development Company on behalf of the HSE. This ensures that Day Services are available in the South Leitrim area.

Easkey, Co. Sligo

Easkey Social Day Centre is presently operating two days per week. A recruitment campaign is currently underway and as soon as resources become available the delivery of the Social Day Centre Service from Easkey Day Centre will be increased.

Carrigans, Co. Sligo

Consultation continues to take place regarding Carrigans Day Centre. A meeting is due to be held this month, to further investigate the provision of Day Services to the Carrigans community and progress this matter further.

Cliffoney, Co. Sligo

The Day Services in Cliffoney will be operational by the end of January 2023. A Christmas Lunch to celebrate the re-opening was held on 19/12/2022, by Sligo Leader Company, for people intending to avail of services at the Social Day Centre in Cliffoney.



Our Lady's Hospital Day Centre, Manorhamilton

As Manorhamilton Hospital Day Services are within the remit of Acute Services, queries pertaining to them should be directed to;

Ms. Gráinne McCann
General Manager
Sligo University Hospital
Saolta University Health Care Group, F91 H684
Tel:071-91-74511 Fax: 071-91-74648

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Martin Collum'.

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