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PQ No.: 16851/22 - To ask the Minister for Health when he expects palliative care services to return to pre-pandemic levels.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Minister has requested the HSE to respond directly to you on this matter and the response is as follows:

The Covid-19 pandemic had a very significant impact on the delivery of specialist palliative care services in some regions. Notwithstanding a further significant wave of Covid-19 infection in the community it is expected that the majority of services will have returned to pre-pandemic levels by mid-summer 2022.

I trust this is in order and answers your query.

Regards,

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Maurice Dillon National Lead for Palliative Care