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Re: PQ 54410/22

To ask the Minister for Health when named day centres (details supplied) will re-open; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Cliffoney/Carrigans Day Centre, Co. Sligo, Day Services, Easkey, Co. Sligo. St. Patrick's Hospital, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, and its satellite services, Aras Carolan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim. Manorhamilton Hospital Day Services, Manorhamilton Co. Leitrim - partial services have resumed, two days per week, in the Bee Park Community Centre, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim. Day Care Centre at the HSE Community Nursing Home, Ramelton, Co. Donegal.

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.

Community Nursing Hospital, Ramelton, Co. Donegal

The Day Hospital in Ramelton Community Hospital closed during the Covid 19 pandemic and is no longer deemed suitable for the provision of Day Care Services within the hospital. HSE Property Management and HSE Estates had previously sourced an alternative location; however, this location later proved to be unsuitable for the provision of day services.

Efforts to locate an appropriate property are continuing by HSE Property Management and HSE Estates in order to resume Day Care Services in Ramelton. In the meantime, both Fanad and Rathmullan Day Centres have been accommodating several clients who would previously have attended Day Care Services in Ramelton Community Hospital.

Cliffoney & Carrigans Day Centres, Co. Sligo

An agreement has been reached with a Third Party Provider to re-open Cliffoney and Carrigans Day Centres. Cliffoney Day Centre is scheduled to open prior to the end of 2022. Carrigans Day Centre is scheduled to open in early 2023.



Easkey Day Services, Co. Sligo

The Social Day Centre in Easkey, Co. Sligo, closed in March 2020 due to National and Public Health advice. Prior to the pandemic, Easkey Social Day Centre operated from Monday to Thursday each week. At present, due to staff shortages, it is not possible to run the Social Day Centre in Easkey four days per week. It currently operates on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. A HSE recruitment campaign is underway and as soon as resources become available the delivery of the Social Day Centre Service from Easkey Day Centre will be increased.

St. Patrick's Community Hospital, Carrick on Shannon

I wish to confirm that Day Hospital Services at St. Patrick's Community Hospital, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim closed in March 2020, due to national and public health advice, which was secondary to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prior to its closure, the Day Hospital at St. Patrick's was operational on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On average, fifteen clients per day attended the Day Hospital.

The Day Hospital remains closed pending commencement of works which will ensure compliance with Infection Prevention and Control standards. The works that are required to be undertaken are new flooring being laid, painting and the toilet facilities being upgraded. In the interim management/estates in St. Patrick's Hospital have been looking for a suitable premises by which Day Hospital/Day Services can be delivered.

There are alternative Day Services available in Leitrim which clients can attend, for example, in Drumsna, Ballinaglera, Carrigallen, Ballinamore and Drumkeerlin.

Older Persons Services continue to provide Home Respite and Meals on Wheels in order to support older people and their families (based on an assessment of need being completed by the Public Health Nursing Service), whilst they await the re-opening of the Day Hospital.

Additionally, clients can be referred to Day Services by their GP or Public Health Nurse.

Arus Carolan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim

The Mohill Social Day Centre was situated within a HIQA Designated Centre/HIQA Regulated Nursing Unit which included shared shower and toilet facilities. This situation was deemed non-compliant with HIQA Standards.

In order to ensure the availability of a Social Day Centre in the South Leitrim area, the purpose built Ballinamore Social Day Centre is being operated on behalf of the HSE by Leitrim Development Company.

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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