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**Deputy Dennis Naughten, TD**  
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Dear Deputy Naughten,

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;

In line with the Area Management Team decision to resume face to face services some weeks ago, Training Centre's have re-opened. The Training Centre's are re-opening in line with the approved re-opening plan which was developed at the end of last year. As part of the re-opening, Training Centre staff are currently providing induction and training for service users on public health guidance and health and safety in the center's.

Services are being provided on a one to one basis or to small groups or pods of service users who live together. This service will continue to operate in accordance with public health advice and guidance on social distancing, meeting in groups, hand hygiene, health and safety etc. Training Centre's will respond to changes in Public Health Guidance as that changes and the re-opening plan provides for that once the decisions are made nationally.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Charlie Meehan**  
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**PQ ref 23508/20**  
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\*To ask the Minister for Health when a training centre (details supplied) is expected to reopen; the reason it has not reopened to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. \*

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In March 2020, Community Healthcare West closed the [REDACTED] along with all other Training and Day Centres located in CHO2 in response to the onset of Covid 19. Our Training and Day Centre sites have since remained shut under an instruction from the national office in order to ensure the safety of our service users, some of whom are particularly vulnerable. The Mental Health Service appreciates that the decision to keep our sites closed has caused difficulty and upset to our service users, their families and carers.

Community Healthcare West Mental Health Service are currently drafting a plan in relation to the resumption of day services for our mental health service users which will be carried out in line with the current COVID19 guidelines and Public Health advice. This plan will then be forwarded to the national office for ratification. I can advise that a risk assessment will be carried out and an appropriate plan will be put in place in consultation with the relevant clinical staff and family members across the respective services for each of our service users in terms of their attendance, or otherwise at day services going forward.

I understand that this is a stressful time for everyone but, as always we will be placing the health of our service users to the forefront of any decisions made applying all relevant guidelines. In the interim, Training Centre staff continue to engage with service users via ICT and one to one socially distanced face to face interactions in the community and we would encourage our service users where possible, to engage with this initiative.

We expect to submit our plan for the reopening of our day care facilities this week to the national office for approval and on receipt, we plan to begin phased reopening in October.



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