



Adult Disability Day Services and COVID-19 What's Happening December 2020?



Most day service locations for adults with a disability opened again in August.

A small number of locations are still closed because of Covid-19. People are getting their supports from another location.



Some people are getting remote support on computer or by phone or in their home by staff.



People who left school in 2020 have started to attend day services.



In September, the HSE asked all day service providers about the services they were providing.

People are getting on average 40% of usual service. Some people are also getting support in their home or by computer or phone.



Services are working hard to provide more support to people.

Government gave €5 million to support services to do work to buildings, rent more buildings and get more transport.

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Some day service staff were told to work in residential homes.

Government recently gave €7.5 million to get more staff in place so staff can return to day services.



Services were given money to get more technology. This is so more people can access remote supports from home.

It will take time to do all the building work and for staff to return to day services. The service provider will let people know when the work is done.

Important information for you at this time.



The HSE and service providers are trying to make as much support as possible available to people with disabilities.

To make sure people with disabilities and staff in day services are safe service providers must stick to public health guidelines.



If you are not attending your service at this time, they should keep in contact with you.

You or your family should keep contact with your service provider to make sure your place is kept open for you.

For more information and contact details for all day services visit www.hse.ie/newdirections

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