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Dear Jayney,

**Reopening of gymnasia, spas and beauty salons**

Thank you for your correspondence to First Minister and myself, seeking clarification on a reopening date and conditions for those who work within gymnasia, spas and beauty salons.

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Executive confirmed that, subject to the control of the coronavirus transmission rate, the following service businesses will be permitted to reopen from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020:

- nail, beauty, hair salons and barbers and tanning services, electrolysis or acupuncture
- close contact services including tattoo parlours, piercing services and spas including spas located in hotels (excluding access to services involving water or steam).

As complementary therapy businesses provide a close contact service, they may reopen from 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020, subject to them adhering to the necessary safe working and social distancing measures and there being no increase spread of the Coronavirus.

I recognise the efforts businesses have made in preparing for reopening. Business owners may find 'Working through This Together', a practical guide on making workplaces safer, useful in this regard.

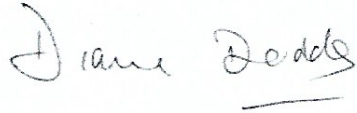
<https://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/content/coronavirus-workplace-safety-guidance-and-priority-sector-list>

Further information on supporting businesses work safely in different work settings can be found at the below link:

<https://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/node/23544>

Finally as this is a very live and fluid situation, I would encourage you to continue to monitor the NI Business Info website and to listen for any future announcements through the various media outlets.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Dodds". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

**DIANE DODDS MLA**  
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