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Deputy Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, TD.
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 22579/18:

"To ask the Minister for Health if all beds are now occupied at Bandon Community Hospital; if a date has been agreed for the commencement of respite services; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

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 wish to advise that the new extension at Bandon Community Hospital is open since mid-February 2018 with an increased capacity of 25 beds.

It was agreed with the Unions that the increase in bed numbers would be accommodated on a phased basis due to additional staffing having to be recruited. I wish to confirm that the respite beds are open since March 2018 with full occupancy of 25 beds expected to be achieved by the end of June 2018.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle O'Keeffe
Head of Social Care

