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Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D.,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 17564/19

'To ask the Minister for Health the reason the new nursing unit being proposed for Clifden, County Galway to replace Clifden Hospital and St. Annes nursing home will have less beds than the existing number of beds in the two homes combined; if he is satisfied that the proposed number of beds will be adequate to meet requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

Dear Deputy Ó'Cuív,

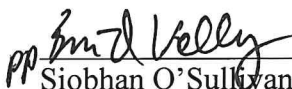
I refer to PQ 17564/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 12th April 2019 addressed to the Minister for Health and due for response on 1st May 2019 regarding 'the reason the new nursing unit being proposed for Clifden, County Galway to replace Clifden Hospital and St. Anne's Nursing Home will have less beds than the existing number of beds in the two homes combined; if he is satisfied that the proposed number of beds will be adequate to meet requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.' The following response outlines the position.

Since early 2018 there are 27 Short Stay Beds in Clifden District Hospital in order to facilitate acute hospital discharges. Furthermore St. Anne's Community Nursing Unit is registered by HIQA for a maximum of 22 Long Term Care Beds.

In relation to the new build, I can confirm that this unit will contain 50 beds which is one additional bed to the current provision. The configuration of the beds in the new unit will see an increase in Long Term Care Beds to reflect need demonstrated by an ongoing waiting list. In addition the reconfiguration will see a reduction in Short Stay Beds as the demand for acute step-down has seen significant numbers of empty beds in Clifden District Hospital over a prolonged period.

I trust that this response clarifies the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely


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