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Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 8575/19

To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost of a nursing home bed; the estimated fully absorbed cost of a nursing home bed including staff, ancillary services and running costs; and the capital costs associated with opening new nursing home beds

The average cost in 2018 of a nursing home bed (including public, private and voluntary) in Ireland (to include all items specified for inclusion in NHSS legislation) was €1048.86 per week.

HSE Estates estimates that the capital cost for building a Public Residential Centre varies with the site, number of beds, etc. However on average the capital costs are between €240,000 to €340,000. This estimated range is based on the total project cost including construction, VAT, planning and design fees, equipping and all other costs. The range of costs is based on current costs of projects in current developments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Michael Fitzgerald'.

MICHAEL FITZGERALD
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