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PQ 30391/19

'To ask the Minister for Health if 16 newly commissioned beds opened in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar, County Mayo in 2019; the total bed capacity provided by same; and if he will make a statement on the matter'.

Dear Deputy Chambers,

I refer to PQ 30391/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 4th July 2019 and due for response on 24th July 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'if 16 newly commissioned beds opened in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar, County Mayo in 2019; the total bed capacity provided by same; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

At present the Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar has 62 beds filled. HSE Community Healthcare West is currently moving to a capacity of 64 beds. The maximum number of long term beds in the unit is 74.

In addition there are 30 short term beds in the Sacred Heart Hospital, of which 2 are designated for respite care. There have been occasions in the past when rehab was not at full capacity and as a result additional respite care has been facilitated within the unit. This situation is managed locally.

HSE Community Healthcare West expects to deliver fully on its Service Plan commitments in 2019 and this will be achieved within its allocated resources.

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

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager,
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