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Deputy Stephen Donnelly T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Re: PQ 30683/19 – High Dependency Unit Beds, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of additional high dependency unit beds in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question regarding the provision of high dependency unit beds in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that one high dependency unit bed was opened in June 2018 and a further two were opened in August 2018. The remaining three beds will be opened in Q3 2019 when the nurses will be recruited and successfully complete the required adaptation programme.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Paul Gallagher

Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery

