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Deputy Danny Healy Rae T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 33888/19:

"To ask the Minister for Health when the unoccupied beds in Kenmare Hospital will be opened up to patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

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 to open additional beds in Kenmare Community Hospital the following staffing compliment is required:

- Kenmare Community Nursing Unit will require 4.5 WTE nurses and 4.0 WTE Health Care assistants

Recruitment for nurses is proving most difficult for this location. We have had several local campaigns over the past couple of years as well as engaging with a national online recruitment agency. We have only secured 2 nurses locally for Kenmare both replacing retirements.

There is no current waiting list for additional beds in this unit.

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

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle O'Keeffe
Head of Social Care,
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