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Deputy Gerry Adams
Dáil Éireann,
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Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

RE PQ 26403/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of the beds temporarily closed at the Cottage Hospital, Drogheda in April 2019 that have since been reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question and Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

I can confirm that six (6) beds, which were in use in Unit 1 of the Cottage Hospital, were temporarily closed in June of 2018 due to insufficient demand. Midlands Louth Meath CHO monitored the requirement for these beds over the last 12 months, however the demand did not increase. Currently there are 14 beds in use in Unit 2 with no plans to reopen the six beds which have been temporarily closed. There is currently no demand and therefore no requirement to open unit.

There was no change to bed numbers in April 2019.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation