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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 27270/19

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing and operating 100 additional nursing home beds

The cost of operating 100 additional Nursing home beds (blended rate including public, private, and voluntary as of April 2019 in Ireland to include all items specified for inclusion in NHSS legislation) is €5,834,400 based on a cost care of €1,122/bed/week. The overall cost will vary depending on the level and type of service provided in the nursing home. This variation will include the type of medical cover, pharmacology, and other associated services that will be provided as well as the mix of beds by long stay, short stay, rehabilitation, etc.

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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