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**RE.: PQ Number 12225/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health if palliative care services in County Tipperary are being expanded in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cahill.

A Regional Specialist Palliative Centre is due to commence a phased opening from September 2019 on the grounds of UHW, Waterford. Once this is fully operational it will be the first specialist inpatient unit/hospice in the South East with access to 20 Specialist, purpose built inpatient beds for all of the South East. The unit will be the Specialist Hub for Palliative Care in the South East supporting the Community Specialist Palliative Care Teams (Hospice Homecare Teams) in each county of the South East. This will further enhance the service of the existing Consultant led community teams.

I can also confirm that currently there is one palliative care level 2 suite in St. Theresa's Hospital, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary. This will be increased to two level 2 palliative care rooms when building works are completed around August 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TJ Dunford'.

**T.J. Dunford**  
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