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Mr. Eugene Murphy, TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare St
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PQ ref 13199/19

** To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in the psychiatric units in Counties Roscommon and Galway; the out of hours or weekend psychiatric services available to persons in the counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

In 2006, the Government published "A Vision For Change", a framework for building and fostering positive mental health, and providing accessible, community-based and specialist services for people with mental health conditions.

Based on the current population in the Counties of Roscommon and Galway, Community Healthcare West Mental Health Services have more inpatient beds per head of population than numbers recommended under Vision For Change. There are 22 acute inpatient psychiatric beds located at Roscommon University Hospital and 50 based at Galway University Hospital.

In common with all other area across the Country, we do experience periods when we are at maximum capacity. This is actively managed by the services and initiatives like the home based treatment team in Roscommon who provide treatment solutions other than admission to the acute unit assist with this process. When Service users present to Accident & Emergency out of hours, they are seen by the Psychiatry Registrar on call and the case can be discussed with the Consultant on call if required for senior advice.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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