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PQ 47256/19 * To ask the Minister for Health the amount allocated to the creation and construction of nursing home facilities under the National Development Plan; the number of nursing home spaces that will be created; the amount allocated to the creation and construction of dementia specific nursing home facilities; the number of spaces that will be created from the allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Barry Cowen

Dear Deputy Cowen,

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.

The Health Service Executive's focus at this time is to continue to deliver on the Capital Programme for Older Persons Residential Centres agreed with the Department of Health in 2016. This programme was a response to HIQA's *National Residential Care Standards for Older People* with the requirement that all facilities providing Long Stay Beds be registered by HIQA and to comply with these standards. Of the 129 public nursing homes, 57 required to be refurbished/upgraded/extended and another 33 required to be replaced. The remaining 39 nursing homes either complied with standards or do not have long stay beds.

At present, an additional 30 centres are now HIQA compliant and works are underway, in design or in planning for the remaining 58 facilities. Over €80m will be invested in this programme of works in 2020. The completion of this programme will deliver an additional 400 beds, including a number of dementia specific units.

The delivery of the additional bed capacity detailed in the *Health Service Capacity Review 2018: Review of Health Demand & Capacity Requirements in Ireland to 2031* and funded through the *National Development Plan 2018-2027* will commence delivery on completion of the above programme, in 2025. The HSE's own Health Service Capacity Review Group are due to report on how many beds are required and where in 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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