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16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Deputy John Brassil T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ 40267/19:**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the process for accessing a community hospital bed in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy Brassil,

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.

Clients are accepted for admission to Community Support Beds following appropriate assessment by the following:

- The client's General Practitioner
- Discharge Co-ordinator. If the client is in an acute hospital and if there is a medical need, the consultant will request convalescence. The Discharge Co-ordinator liaises with the Community Placement Co-ordinator, who then discusses with the Director of Nursing.

If the client is at home and they require respite (to give carers a break), this is organised by the clients Public Health Nurse who has access to respite beds in all Community Hospitals.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Gabrielle O'Keeffe**  
**Head of Social Care,**  
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