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Deputy John Brassil, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ Number: 43088/19

Dear Deputy Brassil,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if the full complement of coronary care unit beds will remain fully open and operational at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -John Brassil

University Hospital has 9 ‘critical care’ beds in total – 5 ICU and 4 High Dependency Beds (HDU). The 4 HDU beds was previously known as ‘coronary care beds’ but this was reformatted approx. 3-4yrs ago.

The HDU is an extremely busy unit and there are no plans to close any beds there, indeed, quite the opposite. Following requests from UHK and the SSWHG, funding has been approved and details plans signed off just last week for the construction of a new 6 bedded HDU in close proximity to the Theatre and ICU block in the hospital. This project is now at tender stage and works will commence early 2020 and aims to be completed within the year. This 50% increase in HDU beds is part of an overall package including an additional 9 in-patient beds to be delivered during that period.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,

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