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Ms Niamh Smyth T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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13th November 2019

Re: PQ ref 43162/19 - SFOPPQ19161 - Number of 4000 Step Down and/or Long-Term Residential Beds in National Development Plan 2018-2027 for Cavan Monaghan

Details

To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 4,000 step down and/or long-term residential beds announced under the National Development Plan 2018-2027 which will be allocated to counties Cavan and Monaghan – Niamh Smyth.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the number of the 4,000 step down and /or long-term residential beds announced under the National Development Plan 2018-2027 which will be allocated to counties Cavan and Monaghan. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

The National Development Plan 2018 – 2027 notes an additional capacity in both Short Stay and Long Stay residential care as a requirement to meet the growing demographics in older persons populations that we are currently experiencing and in future years. Similarly the Department of Health Capacity Review 2018-2031 outlines a requirement for additional services including in residential care. The HSE is working with the Department of Health in the context of implementing Slaintecare Report to consider these requirements, both in terms of the type of services required in residential care to meet the needs particularly of frail older people as well as the distribution of any additional resources made available in this area taking into account of existing service provision and prioritised needs on a population basis.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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