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Deputy Pat The Cope Gallagher,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ38181/19

"To ask the Minister for Health if the short-stay unit consisting of 20 beds at Letterkenny University Hospital, County Donegal will be fully funded under the winter plan initiative; if the unit will be fully staffed and resourced in order that it can play its part in alleviating overcrowding at the hospital which is already exercising its full capacity protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pat The Cope Gallagher"

Dear Deputy,

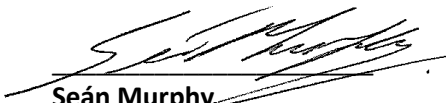
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The 10 bedded Short Stay Ward opened on Thursday, 6th June 2019.

The 9 remaining beds are expected to open in Q4 in 2019 pending Saolta funding.

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

Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
General Manager
Letterkenny General Hospital