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Mr John Brady TD Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2.

Ref:

PQ 43414/20

To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to reopen 20 beds in the former Wicklow District Hospital in Wicklow town; and his plans for same.

PO 43413/20

To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to use the old Wicklow District Hospital building for respite and long-term care support in the form of a day care centre for the elderly of County Wicklow.

Dear Deputy Brady,

Thank you for your representations in respect of the facility referred to as the former District Hospital Wicklow.

The HSE is committed to opening this community facility for Older Persons when it is appropriate and safe to do so given the current level of Covid-19 infections and Public Health advices which prevail at present in line with level 5 Government restrictions.

The facility is practically completed and undergoing final commissioning and when completed will deliver a maximum capacity of 18 beds.

The HSE is anxious to make this facility available at the earliest possible juncture.

Yours sincerely,

n O'Donovan, Mead of Social Care.