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**Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2**

PQ 17886/20 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of rehabilitative care beds in the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Rehabilitation is provided across a range of services including acute hospitals, specialist hospitals and community based services. Acute hospitals provide rehabilitation for patients acutely post stroke, post cardiac events, post trauma and for reablement of older persons. These programmes are provided primarily by health and social care professions working in acute hospitals.

Primary and Community services provide a range of rehabilitation within Community Nursing Units, by Primary Care teams, and within the Disabilities / voluntary sector.

The National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, provides complex specialist inpatient rehabilitation and a proposal is currently being developed to increase the number of beds there from 100 to 120.

A proposal to open 10 Neuro-rehabilitation beds in Peamount Hospital has been developed as part of the Sláintecare Care Redesign programme and is at the final stage of planning.

A proposal to open 24 rehabilitation beds in Our Lady's Hospital, Navan to support the implementation of the Trauma Strategy has also been developed as part of the 2021 Estimates process.

I trust the above addresses your query but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details.

Yours sincerely,


**John Hennessy
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