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Mr Matt Shanahan TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 3159 - To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to resource the 60 vacant beds in the new Dunmore Wing of University Hospital Waterford in view of the possible arrival of coronavirus, Covid-19, in the South-East (and understanding that University Hospital Waterford is the nearest model 4 hospital to Rosslare Port and said 60 unoccupied bed units are individually capable of isolation and containment of disease); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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

As at 3rd of March 2020, 24 of the 72 Acute Inpatient Beds are in use for Haematology/Oncology patients. UHW has made arrangements to ensure that a further 24 Acute Inpatient Beds in the Dunmore Wing are now available for use in the event of requirement for admissions related to CoVid-19. The remaining floor is at present in use for Day Services, however, in the event that it is required, UHW will make the necessary arrangements.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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