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**PQ 4876/20**

*“To ask the Minister for Health the changes being made to deal with patient discharges as part of dealing with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter”*

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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.

One of the early steps to optimise capacity in the acute environment to respond to COVID-19 has been to increase the level of funding for Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC).

In this regard, Government has provided up to €60m in additional funding to provide additional access for patients awaiting residential care (Fair Deal), home support and complex care packages.

This process has involved further investment in Transitional Care Beds, Home Supports, Complex Case Supports (Rehab), Community Intervention Teams, GP Out of Hours Services and In-Home Respite Services.

I hope this response is helpful

Yours sincerely,

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