



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy David Cullinane TD
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Dublin 2

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PQ 37838/20 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of closed beds in the public health system by hospital and by categories of infection prevention and control, refurbishment, staffing shortages and other on 1 September, 1 October and 1 November 2020, respectively in tabular form; 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. I have examined the matter and attach 3 documents in response.

Please note that closed bed information for each relevant month is correlated from data collected as at the first Sunday of each month rather than the first calendar day and the attached appendices reflect this.

Appendix 1 as at 6th September 2020
Appendix 2 as at 4th October 2020
Appendix 3 as at 1st November 2020

The Acute Hospital system has experienced a significant increase in the number of bed closures due to COVID-19 this year. These closures relate to management of infection outbreaks, necessary refurbishment to meet COVID requirements and increased staff absence due to COVID.

Yours sincerely,

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