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To ask the Minister for Health the number of high dependency units operating in the State based on population; and the location of each.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

Response:

Critical Care provides curative and life support treatment for the critically ill patient. The level of critical care is best defined by the patient clinical condition and his/her level of need for critical care. It encompasses both Intensive Care and High Dependency care. In practice, Level 2 is High Dependency (HDU) and Level 3 is Intensive Care (ICU). The following table from the National Adult Critical Care Capacity Census for 2019 outlines the location of the 11 HDU units and the beds therein.

The National Adult Critical Care Capacity Census for 2019 confirms the following:

Critical Care Bed Capacity and Workforce Census September 2019	Level 2 HDU beds
RCSI Hospital Group	
Cavan Hospital ICU	2
Drogheda Hospital ICU	3
Beaumont Hospital General ICU	8
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	
Tallaght ICU	2

Ireland East Hospital Group	
Mater Hospital ICU/HDU	15
Mullingar Hospital ICU	1
St. Vincents University Hospital	6
South South West Hospital Group	
Waterford Regional Hospital ICU/HDU	4
Saolta Group	
University College Hospital Galway General ICU/HDU	6
Portiuncula	2
University of Limerick Hospital Group	
MidWest Regional Hospital Limerick General ICU/HDU	8

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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