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Health Service Executive

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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 27798/20 * *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of permanently increasing and staffing fully and on a permanent basis the number of acute beds needed to obtain 85% occupancy in the Hospital network.*

Dear Deputy Barrett,

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.

The HSE identified the need to reduce acute sector occupancy rates from 95% average to 85% in line with clinical guidance on safe practice for patients and staff alike.

The Winter Planning within the COVID-19 Pandemic October 2020 – April 2021 document attached provides further detail for your information.

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,

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