



9 November 2020

Deputy David Cullinane, TD  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: PQ/20/31398 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed community beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

In relation to the number of staffed community beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, please see below table

|      | 01-Jan | 01-Feb | 01-Mar | 01-Apr | 01-May | 01-Jun | 01-Jul | 01-Aug | 01-Sep | 01-Oct | 01-Nov | 01-Dec |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2019 | 6907   | 6901   | 6893   | 6919   | 6914   | 6926   | 6875   | 6851   | 6838   | 6863   | 6834   | 6823   |
| 2020 | 6812   | 6817   | 6778   | 6778   | 6559   | 6542   | 6613   | 6379   | 6379   |        |        |        |

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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