



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 21487/20 * *To ask the Minister for Health the estimated current and capital cost of increasing base capacity of critical care beds from 255 to 350; 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.

A number of factors have to be taken into account in terms of estimated the capital cost associated with increasing critical care capacity. These include:

1. Variations with acute sites which could require more investment depending on location, project scale, complexity of the site, existing infrastructure and site conditions
2. The potential to extend an existing critical care unit and the requirement for significant enabling and or decant works to maintain vital clinical service provision
3. The solution option selected such as extension, new build modular, fast track rapid build or traditional build accommodation

The capital cost per bed would vary depending on the economies of scale and the particular development. Typically the capital cost estimate for a critical care bed is in the order of €1.1 to €1.5m and includes design, construction, equipping, and all other capital costs associated with the project.

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,

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