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To ask the Minister for Health if the bed capacity of a hospital (St John's Hospital, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford) is being reduced in order to increase storage for wheelchairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

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 the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position;

St John's Hospital has been registered by the independent regulatory body HIQA with a condition on the building to ensure compliance with national standards to provide opportunity for Residents to exercise choice and use the communal areas to their advantage.

In order to achieve compliance with National Standards HIQA of 4.5cm per Resident for communal space a number of beds will be decreased to ensure the HSE meet these requirements. It is envisaged to provide a separate dining room and sitting room for the Residents. At we are also building an equipment storage unit in the courtyard to provide area for storage of wheelchairs.

The HSE is committed to providing space and an environment to ensure that we best meet the needs of our Residents.

I trust this is of assistance. Should you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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