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Ref: PQ 59621/21 – Community Beds

Dear Deputy Farrell,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation the number of beds within Community Healthcare West (CHW) that are made available to patients on discharge from acute hospitals. I can confirm the following:

I can confirm that there are 161 short stay beds across District Hospitals in Community Healthcare West, of which 37 are in Galway with the remaining 123 in Mayo. In addition there are 588 long stay beds across CHW.

Currently there are no plans to increase short stay bed capacity, which generally meets demand, other than in Swinford DH if and when the recruitment to vacant staff posts is successful. The new build in Tuam will increase the bed capacity from 19 to 50 beds, while the new Merlin Park CNU will increase bed capacity from 50 to 60 beds

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

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