



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Martin Browne
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 59833/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of ICU and high dependency unit beds in the mid-west and south east regions according to the most recent figures for 2021.*

Dear Deputy Browne,

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 attached report shows the Critical Care Bed Capacity Census which measures capacity as at the end of September each year.

The HSE's critical care bed target was to deliver an additional 66 critical care beds nationally by 31 December 2021 bringing the total to 321 beds. There are currently 42 of these 66 beds open, which is a total of 297 critical care beds now open. Table attached sets out the beds opened in the Mid-West and South East regions.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Fitzgerald'.

Angela Fitzgerald
Deputy National Director
Acute Operations

Number of ICU/HDU Beds opened in 2021 in Mid-west and South-east Regions

Year	2021	2020/2021
University Hospital Limerick	6 HDU	4 ICU opened Q4 2020
Clonmel Hospital	1 ICU	
Waterford University Hospital	2 ICU	3 HDU beds upgraded to ICU once off in 2020 and funded on a permanent basis in 2021
Kilkenny Hospital	0	3 HDU beds upgraded to ICU in 2020 and funded on a permanent basis in 2021
Wexford Hospital	0	