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Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 606047/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute inpatient beds that are fully funded and open at the latest available validated data point; the net increase in beds factoring in ward beds which have been replaced and closed by location in each of the years since 1 January 2019 to date in tabular form; the number of new acute inpatient beds opened by additional and replacement by hospital in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; 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.

The Deputy will be aware that the NSP 2021 provided permanent funding for an additional 1,146 acute inpatient beds. This includes 82 sub-acute beds under the governance of acute hospitals, formerly funded by NTPF, and 36 additional day-case beds. Therefore, the expected impact on the baseline Acute in-patients beds available is an increase from 10,733 to 11,761. These numbers exclude critical care beds.

By November 2021, we had opened a total of 806 beds from within the target of 1,146. This includes the 118 sub-acute and day-case beds as set out above; therefore, the expected net increase in acute in-patient beds is 688. The number of acute in-patient beds available as per November 2021 was 11,459. When this figure is adjusted for critical care, the number of acute in-patient beds available is 11,162, which provides 259 of a difference from the expected number.

In examining the difference of 259 there are 3 points of note:

During the pandemic hospitals have had a higher number of beds closed for infection control and staffing reasons. Pre-pandemic Hospitals would typically have approximately 100 bed closures at any given time. However, in November 2021 there was an average of 347 beds closed.

In the context of our hospitals overall response to the pandemic, there has been some changes to bed designation in individual hospitals, particularly focused on supporting

Covid/non-Covid patient pathways. These designations are being kept under review in line with clinical advice on disease profile.

National Rehabilitation Hospital bed capacity has been included in the available bed capacity report since 2021. Please note that in addition to the new beds at NRH (N=17), the 80 existing beds were incorporated into the available beds following the change in governance of NRH from community to acute operations in 2021.

I am attaching a profile of the additional beds opened to date by site and a profile of those yet to open.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Fitzgerald', written in a cursive style.

Angela Fitzgerald
Deputy National Director
Acute Operations

		Beds opened Jan 2020 - 30 Nov 21	Additional beds to be excluded (Communi ty & Day beds)	Closed Beds Nov 21	Beds yet to be opened
Hospital Group	Hospital				
DMHG	Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital	0		0	
DMHG	MRH Portlaoise	0		0	
DMHG	MRH Tullamore	9		33	24
DMHG	Naas General Hospital	0		13	13
DMHG	St. James's Hospital	25	-25	15	15
DMHG	St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	0		11	
DMHG	Tallaght University Hospital	50	-26	29	6
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	105		24	101
IEHG	MRH Mullingar	0		0	
IEHG	National Maternity Hospital	0		0	
IEHG	National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	0		28	
IEHG	Our Lady's Hospital Navan	31	-11	0	
IEHG	Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital	0		2	
IEHG	St. Columcille's Hospital	8		6	
IEHG	St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	10		6	40
IEHG	St. Michael's Hospital	0		1	
IEHG	St. Vincent's University Hospital	20	-10	0	
IEHG	Wexford General Hospital	7		0	
IEHG	National Rehabilitation Hospital				10
RCSI	Beaumont Hospital	55		0	25
RCSI	Cavan General Hospital	8		0	
RCSI	Connolly Hospital	54		0	
RCSI	Louth County Hospital	0		0	
RCSI	Monaghan Hospital	0		0	8
RCSI	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	29		9	
RCSI	Rotunda Hospital	0		0	
IEHG	National Rehabilitation Hospital	17		0	
Saolta	Galway University Hospitals	0		17	12
Saolta	Letterkenny University Hospital	26		3	23
Saolta	Mayo University Hospital	10		0	
Saolta	Portiuncula University Hospital	0		0	12
Saolta	Roscommon University Hospital	0		5	
Saolta	Sligo University Hospital	0		3	
SSWHG	Bantry General Hospital	0		0	
SSWHG	Cork University Hospital	61		24	24
SSWHG	Cork University Maternity Hospital	0		13	

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SSWHG	Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital	0		0	
SSWHG	Mallow General Hospital	0		0	20
SSWHG	Mercy University Hospital	12		2	30
SSWHG	South Infirmery Victoria University Hospital	3		5	
SSWHG	South Tipperary General Hospital	0		3	28
SSWHG	UH Kerry	33		26	
SSWHG	UH Waterford	79	-36	4	
UHL HG	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	24		17	
UHL HG	Ennis Hospital	0		0	
UHL HG	Nenagh Hospital	3		0	
UHL HG	St. John's Hospital Limerick	15		21	
UHL HG	UH Limerick	108	-10	13	
UHL HG	UMH Limerick	0		0	
CHI	CHI at Crumlin	0		1	
CHI	CHI at Tallaght	4		3	
CHI	CHI at Temple St	0		10	12
TBC					8
	National Total	806	-118	347	411