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## Ref: PQ 62847/21 – Community Beds.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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 124 are in Mayo with the remaining 37 in Galway. In addition there are 588 long stay beds across CHW.

Currently there are no plans to increase bed capacity due to the lack of available Health Care Worker's (HCW). However, as staff become available beds will reopen if there is a requirement for same.

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

Yours sincerely,

Siobhan O'Sullivan General Manager Older People's Services Community Healthcare West