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Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Éireann  
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Dublin 2

**Due date 10/03/2021**

**PQ 10077/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds by bed type in each hospital by hospital group on 1 January 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The HSE Acute Business Information Unit collects and reports on the average number of funded acute inpatient beds and funded acute day-case beds/places open and available for use during each monthly reporting period.

### **1. Average beds available**

The average beds available report, includes all acute inpatient beds and includes beds used for general acute care, Critical Care, Maternity care, Paediatric care and Acute Psychiatry care. **Appendix 1** provides the **December 2020** average beds report.

Acute Medical Assessment Unit (AMAU) overnight beds occupied are also included, however AMAU assessment unit spaces are otherwise excluded.

Other exclusions are Sub Acute beds and Community Psychiatry beds which in some cases are located on an acute campus, however these beds are not available to patients for acute care.

Bed data is collected monthly on an aggregated basis and as such it is not possible at this time to report the data for a specific day. The data does however show the average number of funded beds open and available per day during any given month.

It is also not possible to separate out critical care beds or overnight AMAU beds from the beds available figure due to the nature of how the data is returned.

Separately the Business Information Unit records and reports on the number of AMAU same day treatment spaces, Sub Acute beds and Community Psychiatry

beds on acute sites. This is the total number of funded capacity and will not be reflective of beds that may be unavailable for use.

It is important to note that the numbers above are not included in the average beds available as they are not acute beds. AMAU same day treatment spaces are operational for part of the day to assess patient.

## **2. Critical Care**

The average beds available report in December 2020 includes Critical Care beds.

The 2021 budget provides for the increase of adult critical care beds from 255 to 321 by the end of 2021. This represents a total increase of 66 adult beds.

## **3. Closed beds**

The number of funded available beds can fluctuate month-to-month dependent on factors such as bed closures or increased funded capacity. The indicative number of beds closed in the month of December 2020 was 528; however, this figure is subject to validation.

Yours sincerely

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