



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

25/02/2021

Deputy Carol Nolan
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
Aonad 4A – Áras Dargan
An Ceantar Theas
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PQ 7781/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the achievements in the ten months since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of additional hospital beds and staff that are actually operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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 may be aware that a number of additional beds have been supported through the Winter Plan 2020/21 and National Service Plan 2021. The detail regarding this additional capacity is set out below:

1,146 beds are funded to open through Winter Plan and NSP 2021, as follows:

- **426** temporarily funded beds brought on-stream this year as part of the Winter Plan 2019/20 and will remain open on a permanent basis.
- **238** additional beds in 2020 funded under the Winter Plan
 - 215 of these beds are open
 - 23 beds are expected to open by end Mar 2021
- **260** additional beds in Q1 2021 funded under the Winter Plan
 - 188 of these beds are open
 - 53 are expected to open by end March
 - 18 are expected to open in Q2 2021
 - There has been a loss of one bed due to change in designation of beds in one Hospital
- **222** additional beds in Q3 and Q4 2021 funded as part of Estimates/NSP 2021
- **6** Acute Stroke Unit beds in the Mater opened in late 2020, these are additional to the planned 1,146.
- **40** beds at South Tipperary General Hospital (which were funded as part of 2019 Estimates but opened during 2020).

In summary, to date an additional 875 beds have opened since January 2020 (includes 6 Mater Acute Stroke Beds and 40 beds in Sth Tipperary General).

It is anticipated that the total number of beds available will fluctuate from time to time due to social distancing and infection control measures that may be required at individual sites.

Yours sincerely,

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