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24552/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute medical unit beds in the public system by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

24553/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of day case beds in the public system by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

24554/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds in the public system by location; the average level of occupancy for each month of 2020 and to date in 2021 by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

24555/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult critical care beds in the public system by location; the average level of occupancy for each month of 2020 and to date in 2021, by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The number of Acute Medical Unit beds as requested are collated and provided by the Acute Medicine Programme.

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.

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.

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.

The number of funded available beds can fluctuate month to month dependent on factors such as bed closures or increased funded capacity. There are usually a higher number of closures in December each year as there is generally less elective care delivered over the Christmas period.

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.

The day case bed report and in-patient bed reports for the month of March 2021 are provided including % occupancy rates and this is the most recent month data available for reporting at this time.

Please refer to the link below to the report on critical care capacity 2020.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/critical-care/national-adult-critical-care-capacity-census-2020.pdf>.

The 2021 budget provides for the increase of adult critical care beds to 321 by the end of 2021.

There are significant disruptions to the ongoing reporting and validation of key data arising from the recent cyberattack.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TD' with a horizontal line underneath.

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