

## 6th December 2021

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Re: PQ 57096/21 - Palliative care beds, Regional Hospital Mullingar

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide resources to increase the number of palliative care beds in the Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar by four beds and increase a second hospice bed at St. Joseph's, Longford (details supplied\*).

\*The Hospice Committee in Longford feels it requires urgent consideration."

Dear Deputy Troy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the number of palliative care beds in Regional Hospital Mullingar, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that Regional Hospital Mullingar currently have two Palliative Care Beds. Regional Hospital Mullingar currently have no plans to increase their amount of Palliative Care Beds.

In relation to Palliative Care Beds for St Joseph's, Longford this query will have to be sent to CHO8 for response.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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