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Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 57875/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of functioning staffed ICU beds in the State for each of the past 10 years.*

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 HSE's critical care bed target was to deliver an additional 66 critical care beds by 31 December 2021 bringing the total to 321 beds.

There are currently 42 of these 66 beds open, which is a total of 297 critical care beds now open.

An additional 24 critical care beds have yet to be opened to achieve the target of 321.

The number of staffed operational ICU beds can be found on the National Adult Critical Care Capacity Census which measures capacity as at the end of September each year on the link below.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/critical-care/critical-care-capacity-planning/>

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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