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PQ58945/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional beds that will be made operational in hospitals under the Saolta Hospital Group under the winter plan and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the below table outlines the additional beds which were funded under the Winter Plan 2020/2021 and the status of these beds.

Site	No of new acute beds funded 2020 & 2021	Comment
GUH	6	6 additional ICU beds were funded under winter initiatives 2020-2021, one of which is currently operational. A second bed is due to become operational by year end but same is dependent on recruitment of Staff. There was 1 bed conversion from HDU bed to ICU bed in April 2021
MUH	40	Medical beds: 40 beds off site- 18 are currently operational. It is planned, subject to recruitment, to increase this number to 30 beds by Dec 2021/Jan 2022 and to increase further when staffing allows.

PUH	0	<p>The design of a 12 bedded isolation ward in a vacated area of the hospital is progressing and it is expected that this work will be completed in 2022.</p> <p>In addition, a new ward block development will provide 50 bedded replacement ward accommodation.</p>
SUH	1	<p>ICU: 1 bed.</p> <p>As part of a Capital development there will be an additional 4 ICU beds provided in 2022.</p> <p>In addition, enabling works for a medical block, consisting of 42 bedded single room accommodation with ancillary accommodation, are expected to begin in early 2022.</p>
LUH	39	<p>16 beds are currently operational. The remaining 23 beds will become operational in February/March 2022 when staffing is in place.</p>
RUH	17 x 5 days	<p>Under the Winter Plan 2020/21 approval was given for the weekend opening of 17 x 5 day sub-acute inpatient beds for the 4 month period from January 2020 to March 2021. However due to inability to recruit staff nurses, the beds were not opened during that period.</p> <p>Subject to recruitment it is intended to convert these beds to 7 days at the end of December 2021.</p>

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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