



14th December 2021

Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 58952/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of community hospital beds in the Saolta Group counties available to patients on discharge from acute hospitals; if he plans to increase community bed capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The number of long term and short term stay beds across the Saolta Group counties are as follows;

	Short Term Beds	Long Terms Beds
Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim	191	338
Galway, Mayo and Roscommon	161	588

The HSE is currently undergoing a number of works in these counties to increase bed capacity, including;

- A new 80 bed HIQA compliant Community Hospital in Ballyshannon is currently under construction and scheduled to be finished by August 2022
- A further proposed capital development of a new community hospital in Letterkenny is currently at tender process. The unit will comprise of a 110 beds including a mix of long stay, short stay/rehabilitation and dementia care with associated resident accommodation. The tendering process will be undertaken in Q1-2022 and construction is expected to commence in Q3-2022
- A number of planned capital refurbishments are underway in a number of existing units throughout CHO1. The completion of the works will facilitate the reopening of a number beds which are currently unavailable due to the ongoing essential works.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne O'Neill', written over a horizontal line.

Yvonne O'Neill,
National Director,
Community Operations