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PQ 49460/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the location at which the new acute inpatient beds of the circa 1,140 announced in Budget 2021 have been or will be opened in 2021; the number at each location; the number opened in existing space; the number opened in new space; 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, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE received funding approval in 2021 to open 1,146 acute beds. A number of these beds were already open in 2020 and funded under the HSE's Winter Plan or on a once off basis by the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF). The 2021 budget provided funding on a recurring basis for the beds that were previously funded by the NTPF.

There is a total number of 795 acute beds open to the 30th September, 2021. A further 143 acute beds are expected to open before year end which will result in additional acute bed capacity of 927 beds in 2021.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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