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

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

**49793/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of private intermediate care beds funded, procured, used or leased in 2020 and to date in 2021, by service type. -David Cullinane**

As part of COVID and Winter Planning in 2020/2021 additional short stay bed capacity was secured across the country from private nursing homes. These beds provide additional therapeutic and medical supports to regular transitional care beds and are in place to support hospital discharges and hospital avoidance capacity. These beds commenced coming on stream on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – 164 private beds were in place.

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 506 out of 526 contracted private beds were in place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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**Sandra Tuohy**  
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