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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.

49795/21

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

Transitional Care Funding has been in place in the HSE since 2015 to assist acute hospitals as a delayed transfer of care support. The aim of the funding is to assist acute hospitals in discharging patients to private nursing homes for:

- Patients requiring Long Term Care and who have made a Nursing Home Support Application.
- Patients who require a period of convalescence care up to a maximum of six weeks before they return home

Additional COVID support funding for patients delayed in hospital has been in place through the National Transitional Care Office since March 2020 as part of Covid Planning. This funding facilitates patients who have been approved medically as requiring long stay care to finalise their NHSS application in a Nursing Home and facilitates the patient discharging from the Acute Hospital at an earlier stage of their Nursing Home Support Application process. (NHSS).

The table below gives a breakdown of numbers of Transitional Care Approvals in 2020 and 2021 by NHSS Patient and Convalescence patient.



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Transitional Care Funding Approvals January 2020 – December 2020

2020	NHSS (Wk1)	Con (Wk1)	NHSS (Wk 2)	Con (Wk 2)	NHSS (Wk 3)	CON (Wk 3)	NHSS (Wk 4)	Con (Wk 4)	NHSS (Wk5)	Con (Wk 5)	Total NHSS	TOTAL CON	TOTAL
Jan	24	88	92	235	68	45	82	230	89	165	355	763	1,118
Feb	102	155	90	147	97	165	93	131	0	0	382	598	980
March	119	172	333	144	144	113	182	93	41	22	819	544	1,363
April	35	25	58	25	36	32	41	30	31	11	201	123	324
May	4	3	38	18	49	22	44	17	70	23	205	83	288
June	56	28	84	45	87	46	67	44	43	20	337	183	520
July	59	32	99	49	86	50	68	48	120	38	432	217	649
Aug	56	49	108	65	81	59	87	49	12	6	344	228	572
Sept	66	44	56	31	74	39	92	56	40	24	328	194	522
Oct	26	20	56	46	68	43	68	43	57	25	275	177	452
Nov	78	43	68	37	77	46	67	47	12	8	302	181	483
Dec	60	39	72	50	72	49	61	39	28	73	293	250	543
TOTAL	685	698	1154	892	939	709	952	827	543	415	4273	3541	7,814



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Transitional Care Funding Approvals January 2021 – 18th October 2021

2021	WEEK 1		WEEK 2		WEEK 3		WEEK 4		WEEK 5		Total Monthly		TOTAL
	NHSS	CON /HSP	NHSS	CON /HSP	NHSS	CON /HSP	NHSS	CON /HSP	NHSS	CON /HSP	NHSS	CON /HSP	
Jan	79	70	89	60	98	30	99	54	0	0	365	214	579
Feb	94	42	83	27	82	34	97	43	0	0	356	146	502
March	83	43	112	54	89	36	69	59	53	38	406	230	636
April	16	11	70	60	125	59	118	51	88	59	417	240	657
May	69	40	84	53	93	46	95	44	21	6	362	189	551
June	91	45	102	74	71	45	96	68	63	27	423	259	682
July	27	24	88	64	90	64	93	52	106	91	404	295	699
Aug	65	67	98	79	109	72	84	80	33	24	389	322	711
Sept	54	42	98	65	110	77	105	79	89	47	456	310	766
Oct	3	22	79	68	100	80	0	0	0	0	182	170	352
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	581	406	903	604	967	543	856	530	453	292	3760	2375	6,135
PLUS EXTENSIONS											287	411	698
TOTAL APPROVALS											4047	2786	6,833



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Yours sincerely

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