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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.

**49796/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of private transitional care bed days purchased 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 bed days for 2020 and 2021 by NHSS Patient and Convalescence patient.

Private Transitional Care bed days invoiced and paid for in 2020 and to date in 2021, by service type.



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Year	NHSS		CONVALESCENCE/WOC/HCP		Total Bed Days Invoiced	Total Invoiced €
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2020	131,571	19,728,617	66,584	9,282,136	198,155	29,010,753
2021 to Sept	119,898	18,143,727	38,658	5,551,083	158,556	23,694,810
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>251,469</b>	<b>37,872,343</b>	<b>105,242</b>	<b>14,833,219</b>	<b>356,711</b>	<b>52,705,562</b>

Transitional care bed (TCB) stays are only invoiced for the nights which someone is in a bed. The TCB Office may approve a stay for 4 weeks but the person may only stay 1 night so the private Nursing Home will only be paid for that 1 night.

Yours sincerely

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