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**Deputy David Cullinane, TD**  
**Dáil Éireann,**  
**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.

**PQ 49797/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of public short stay beds available on 1 January 2020, 1 January 2021 and 1 October 2021 by service type; the average number available on any one day in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Please find the requested detail laid out in the table below;

| Bed Type               | Jan-20      | Jan-21      | Oct-21      |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Palliative Care Beds   | 89          | 59          | 73          |
| Respite Beds           | 400         | 117         | 202         |
| Rehab Specific Beds    | 702         | 559         | 660         |
| Convalescent Beds      | 311         | 242         | 262         |
| Dementia Respite Beds  | 39          | 5           | 17          |
| Assessment Beds        | 135         | 66          | 65          |
| Transitional Care Beds | 191         | 206         | 123         |
|                        | <b>1867</b> | <b>1254</b> | <b>1402</b> |

Regarding the final element of your query, please see the averages set out in the table below;

|                   | No of Palliative Care Beds | No of Respite Beds | No of Rehab Specific Beds | No of Convalescent Beds | No of Dementia Respite Beds | No of Assessment Beds | No of Transitional Care Beds | Total Short Stay Beds in Unit |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Average Beds 2020 | 63                         | 231                | 578                       | 216                     | 20                          | 84                    | 161                          | 1352                          |
| Average Beds 2021 | 68                         | 172                | 622                       | 253                     | 12                          | 73                    | 122                          | 1322                          |



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I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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