

By email to pauline.tully@oireachtas.ie

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Ms Pauline Tully, T.D,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 50960/21 *“To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has considered to increase capacity at Cavan General Hospital to deal with likely emergency department overflows in winter 2021 to ensure that both scheduled and unscheduled care can take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Tully,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Cavan and Monaghan Hospital currently have an ED isolation stream to stream and screen patients with respiratory symptoms.

The MAU capacity will be increased to further support the emergency department with additional ambulatory space identified within the hospital.

Additional capacity has been made available in Lisdarn unit. This provides up to an additional 31 beds and additional step down and rehab capacity has been provided on the Monaghan site.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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