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Deputy David Cullinane T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ 41778/21: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital and current cost of an older persons services long-stay bed.

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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please note that, in terms of infrastructure, we do not differentiate between long term stay or short term stay beds. The total capital costs per older person bed is in the order of €380,000 to €480,000. This is a range of the likely capital cost, however it is important to note that actual capital costs are very much dependent on site specific issues and the associated site infrastructure required to support the particular project requirements.

The current cost of an older persons short-stay bed is €1,758 per bed per week. This is the cost for both public and private beds based on July 2021 reporting.

The current cost of an older persons long-stay bed is €867 per bed per week. This is the net cost for both public and private beds based on July 2021 reporting.

I trust this clarifies the issue.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Sandra Tuohy,
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