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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 4513/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded and open critical care beds; when the next critical care bed census will report.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The Health Service Executive 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.

A strategic multi-year plan for additional critical care capacity was developed in June 2020. In March 2020 there were 255 funded Critical Care beds.

Significant investment of €77m between 2021 and 2022 has enabled an increase in the number of critical care beds to 297 at the end of 2021. In addition, 22 critical care beds were upgraded from HDU (level 2) to ICU (level 3) beds and the associated increase in staffing increasing capability to care for critically ill patients. A further 28 beds are planned to open in 2022 bringing the total beds to 325.

The National Clinical Programme for Critical Care carry out the data collection for the annual census in May, with the expectation that the report will be available in August.

I trust this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,

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