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Mr Brian Stanley T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: Parliamentary Question - 7763/22

To ask the Minister for Health when the acute beds in the renovated wing of Abbeyleix Hospital will be brought into use; when all beds in the community nursing unit will be utilised; and when the existing staff in the hospital will provide the services. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Side A of Abbeyleix Community Nursing Unit is currently being renovated and the service is temporarily being provided in Side B. It is planned that Side A will re-open at the end of April 2022 comprising of 10 single occupancy rooms. The roster review is currently underway regarding the operation of the 10 beds going forward and the outcome of this is yet to be determined.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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