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Deputy Michael Mc Namara TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

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***“To ask the Minister for Health the type and location of beds he plans to open during 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” (This was clarified to refer to Acute, Sub Acute and ICU Beds)***

Dear Deputy McNamara,

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 the following outlines the position.

As Part of the National Service Planning Programme for 2021 the HSE planned to open 1146 beds. Of these, 807 beds opened in 2021, with the remaining 339 scheduled to open in 2022 subject to staffing and completion of some capital works. In addition, a further 72 beds have been identified in the National Service Plan, of which the South South-West Hospital Group are examining the capital requirements for 24 beds in Cork University Hospital, and the Ireland East Group plan to open 47 beds in the Mater Hospital subject to staffing and the completion of capital works. This brings to 411 the number of acute beds expected to open in 2022.

In addition, a further 36 ICU beds are also scheduled to open this year.

The attached table reflects the location of the beds as requested.

I hope this response is helpful.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN 2022

Hospital Group	Hospital	
ACUTE BEDS		No
Saolta	Letterkenny University Hospital	23
Saolta	Portiuncula University Hospital	12
Saolta	Galway University Hospital	12
DMHG	Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore	24
DMHG	Naas General Hospital	13
DMHG	St James's Hospital	15
DMHG	Tallaght University Hospital	6
SSWHG	South Tipperary General Hospital	28
SSWHG	Mallow General Hospital	20
SSWHG	Mercy University Hospital	30
RCSI	Beaumont Hospital	25
RCSI	Monaghan General Hospital	8
IEHG	National Rehabilitation Hospital	10
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	48
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	5
IEHG	St Lukes Hospital Kilkenny	40
CHI	Childrens Health Ireland	20
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>339</b>
SSWHG	Cork University Hospital	24
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	48
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>72</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>411</b>

ICU BEDS		No
DMHG	Tallaght University Hospital	12
IEHG	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	16
IEHG	St Vincent's University Hospital	3
DMHG	St James's Hospital	1
SSWHG	Cork University Hospital	4
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>