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Mr. Jackie Cahill, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 3239/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to establish palliative care beds in St. Anthony's Hospital, Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

To confirm the St Anthony's Care of the Elderly facility is a Public Private Partnership, and at the time of tender process the 50 bedded unit was designated and designed to Long Stay Residential Unit specifications. As per long stay residential units there are no requirements for family eating and sleeping facilities.

However, as service demands change there is a requirement to ensure that Level 2 Palliative Care Beds will be provided for within the configuration of the St Anthony's 50 bedded unit. I confirm at minimum 2 Palliative Care Beds, at Level 2, will be part of the configuration of the 50 beds. A full analysis of 'service demand need' will be required to confirm exact bed allocation across Long Stay Beds and Palliative Care Beds.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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**Helen McDaid**  
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