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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Resource requirements vary by Hospital Group, hospital and specialty. In 2021, a demand and capacity analysis was carried out at these levels to identify (i) additional non-recurrent capacity required to clear the waiting list backlog, (ii) additional sustainable capacity required to address identified recurrent capacity gaps and (iii) opportunities for improvements in productivity. The HSE is currently working with the Department to progress plans to address capacity deficits required to meeting outpatient demand and a Multi-Annual Waiting List Plan is expected to be published later this year.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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