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Ref: PQ ref 37692/22 – Respite Beds Merlin Park Community Nursing Unit.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to PQ ref 37692/22 in respect of a respite beds in Merlin Park Community Nursing Unit. This is a response to a query to Saolta that was referred to Community Healthcare West. The following response outlines the position.

There are currently 6 respite beds operational within Merlin Park Community Nursing Unit, this number will increase to 9 beds on 21st July, 2022. The remaining 4 beds will be opened immediately following the completion of a recruitment process that is currently underway to employ additional staff.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,



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