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PQ Number: 38069/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to address the shortage of child and adolescent psychiatric in-patient beds in public hospitals; the number of new beds that will be delivered in 2022 by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

My response to your Parliamentary Question 38068/22, outlined the current CAMHS inpatient units bed numbers and the additional beds that are to be provided in 2023 in the New Children's Hospital (8 specialist eating disorder beds and 12 inpatient beds) and in the new National Forensic Mental Health Service in Portrane (10 bed secure adolescent inpatient unit).

Currently, there are no plans to provide any additional beds to those outlined above in 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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