

**26th July 2022**

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**Re: PQ 38769/22 – Bed capacity, SVUH**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if he will liaise with the HSE in relation to bed capacity and bed management within St.Vincent's Hospital given reports that surgeries are being cancelled and reduced due to the lack of available beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

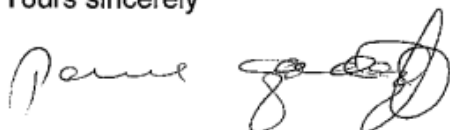
Dear Deputy Devlin,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on bed capacity in St Vincent's University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that St Vincent's University Hospital would like to clarify that all scheduled care for both in-patients and out-patients is managed on a daily basis by the clinical and operational teams responsible for scheduling with no patients being curtailed or cancelled because of bed capacity challenges. Patients are scheduled for surgery based on clinical need and beds are always prioritised for these patients.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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