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PQ 29806/22* To ask the Minister for Health the estimated all-in capital cost including fittings and equipment of an additional 10 and 50 acute inpatient bed units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

PQ 29810/22* To ask the Minister for Health the estimated all-in capital cost including fittings and equipment of an additional 1, 10 and 50 critical care bed units for each level in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

PQ 29814/22* To ask the Minister for Health the estimated all-in capital cost including fittings and equipment of an additional 1, 10 and 50 neuro-rehabilitation bed units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

PQ 29885/22* To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital cost of providing step-down beds equivalent to 10% of existing capacity; and the number of units that this would generate. -David Cullinane

PQ 29818/22* To ask the Minister for Health the estimated all-in capital cost including fittings and equipment of an additional 1, 10 and 50 national rehabilitation hospital bed units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

PQ 29835/22*To ask the Minister for Health the estimated all-in capital cost including fittings and equipment of an additional 1, 10 and 50 medical detoxification places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

PQ 29822/22*To ask the Minister for Health the estimated all-in capital cost including fittings and equipment of an additional 1, 10 and 50 mental health inpatient places by type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I propose to answer PQs 29806/22, 29810/22, 29814/22, 29885/22, 29818/22, 29835/22 and 29822/22 together.

The process of developing an 'estimated all-in capital cost' for each of the particular services as requested under these Parliamentary Questions, is dependent on having an understanding of a number of important factors all of which will influence the potential range of costs. For example, consideration of new construction build versus refurbishment (provision of new or replacement beds), the extent of enabling or decant works which may be required, site specific statutory obligations, the extent of infection prevention and control measures, and the scope of ancillary upgrade and refurbishment works necessary, are all critical factors in being able to determine an appropriate order of magnitude cost. Developing such an understanding of the necessary scope which is 'site specific' would require significant surveying and investigative work to be completed, along with at least a preliminary design to capture the spatial impact of the proposal.

In the context of the above, it is very difficult to provide an accurate estimate all-in capital cost for each service referenced in your questions. However, for high level budgetary purposes only, the following range on a cost per bed basis would be considered reasonable.

Bed Type	Estimated Cost Range Per Unit
Non- Acute	€400k - €500k
Acute	€680k - €900k
Critical Care	€1.6m - €1.9m
Rehabilitation	€1.0m - €1.4m
Mental Health – Adult Acute In-patient	€700k - €800k
Mental Health - CAMS	€700k - €800k
Mental Health – IRCU	€650k - €750k
Mental Health – High Support Community Residence	€260k – €360k

These high level indicative capital cost ranges are based on the provisions of multiple inpatient ward arrangements for different bed types and not single bed provisions. They are also based on the provision of 'new' inpatient beds as, given the absence of any specific site information, it is difficult to provide an indicative cost range for replacement beds due to the various considerations described above.

Yours sincerely,



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