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**21<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Re PQ No 29828/22: To ask the Minister for Health the average number of open and funded palliative care beds in the public health system in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above referenced Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health.

The total number of open adult specialist palliative care beds in the public system at the end of 2021 was 256. This includes 14 beds in Wicklow hospice and 15 beds in Mayo Hospice which were fully commissioned in 2021. It also includes eight beds in Waterford Hospice which opened in September 2021 and which will increase to its full capacity of 20 beds in 2022. Please see Table 1 below for more information.

**Table 1: Specialist Adult Palliative Care (Hospice) beds. December 2021**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Beds</b>
North West Hospice Sligo	8
Galway Hospice – Galway	18
Galway Hospice – Mayo	14
Milford Care Centre, Limerick	30
Marymount University Hospital and Hospice, Cork	44
St Frances Hospice Raheny and Blanchardstown	43
Our Lady’s Hospice and Care Services (OLHCS), Harolds Cross	36
OLHCS, Blackrock	12
OLHCS, Wicklow	15
Kerry Hospice	15
St Brigid’s Hospice Kildare	13
Donegal Hospice	8

Waterford Hospice	8**
<b>Total Adult Specialist Palliative Care Beds:</b>	<b>256</b>

\*\* Capacity to increase to 20 in 2022

In addition to adult palliative care beds, there were eight children's palliative care beds provided by Laura Lynn Irelands Children's Hospice at the end of 2021.

I trust this is in order and answers your query.

Regards,



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