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Deputy David Cullinane TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 30091/22

To ask the Minister for Health the status of step-down care services by CHO area; the number of step-down beds operational in each CHO area; the step-down facilities currently in operation in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Catherine Connolly

Step down care facilities are recognised as an important category of Short Stay beds that are designed to meet the specific care needs of the service user whose episode of acute medical/surgical care is complete but who is not as yet ready to be discharged to their place of residence. These beds are available in each of the 9 CHO areas and their use can be interchangeable depending on the demand at any particular time.

Across all CHO areas the management and operation of these beds have been challenged by the surges in Covid-19 outbreaks as well as meeting regulatory compliance under SI 293 regulations.

Please see Appendix 1 below re current data relating to Step down facilities per CHO area.



Appendix 1

Row Labels	Sum of No of Convalescent Beds	Sum of No of Transitional Care Beds	Sum of No of Assessment Beds
CHO 1	27	0	65
CHO 2	103	28	0
CHO 3	0	70	26
CHO 4	36	44	0
CHO 5	52	20	3
CHO 6	2	45	0
CHO 7	0	93	0
CHO 8	9	76	0
CHO 9	0	246	0
Grand Total	229	622	94

Yours sincerely,

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