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Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 12547/22

To ask the Minister for Health the current usage of Birr nursing home; and plans that are in place for optimal capacity to be utilised.

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 I outline the position as follows.

Birr community nursing unit is registered with HIQA as a 74 bed unit. These beds are utilised for long term care, rehabilitation and palliative care. The day care centre is also operational. Currently the capacity for Birr community nursing unit is 60 beds due to staffing shortages.

There are recruitment campaigns underway for staff nurses, multi task attendants and health care assistants. On completion of the recruitment campaign and the subsequent filling of vacant positions in Birr CNU, the capacity will then revert to its 74 beds.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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