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Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 23948/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will raise with the HSE the reason that there are only seven of the 28 beds available being used in Abbeyleix Hospital, County Laois despite the works having been fully completed at the facility. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Side A of Abbeyleix Community Nursing Unit is currently being renovated and the service is temporarily being provided in Side B of the building. It is planned that Side A will re-open in Q3 2022 comprising of 10 single occupancy rooms categorised as 1 long stay bed and 9 short stay beds when complete. The management and governance of these 10 beds remain with Older Person Services and will be registered as such with HIQA.

When side A opens, Side B will provide for 18 intermediate care beds under the governance and management of the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group. The opening of these beds is dependent on the appointment of a community Consultant Geriatrician. The appointment of the community Consultant Geriatrician along with nursing and support staff is being actively progressed at present by the Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise.

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,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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