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REF: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the capital investment plans for the community hospitals in Belmullet, and the district hospitals in Swinford and Ballina in order to take pressure off Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Rose Conway-Walsh

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and following outlines the position

After a feasibility study, Community Healthcare West submitted plans for modular builds for Belmullet and Ballina which unfortunately were not accepted by National Older People Services, Mayo has one of the highest levels of step down beds nationally and has adequate capacity to meet referrals from Mayo University Hospital. MUH also currently has 30 additional Community Healthcare West beds in St Johns Ward on the Sacred Heart Hospital Castlebar campus for the past number of months, we continue to engage with National Older People Services to submit a new application for developments in Belmullet, Swinford and Ballina regions.

I hope you are assured in this regard and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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