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Deputy Danny Healy-Rae T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 55698/22

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Details Supplied: "In relation to Kenmare Community Hospital Co.Kerry. How many long stay beds are being used and how many are still vacant and why are these beds vacant?"

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

Kenmare Community Nursing Unit is located on the outskirts of the town of Kenmare and is registered to accommodate a maximum of 41 residents. There are currently 28 beds open in Kenmare CNU and 12 of these are long stay beds. No long stay bed vacancy has arisen in over two years at this unit as there has been no change in occupancy in that time.

Staff recruitment challenges have had an impact on bed capacity in a number of our community hospitals, including Kenmare Community Nursing Unit, and it can be difficult to fill new and existing vacancies in specific rural locations. All efforts are being made to increase staff numbers through intensive recruitment efforts in order to maximise the services available from our community hospitals.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older People

