



4th November 2022

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PQ 51445/22

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1575 of 14 June 2022, if he will provide an update on the delivery of beds and planned for delivery under the given headers, including any additional beds planned under the winter plan 2022/2023 or funded in Budget 2023, in tabular form; the timeframe for delivery of outstanding beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 set out below, as requested, the number of general acute and critical care beds planned in the National Service Plans (NSP) of 2021 and 2022 and Winter Plan 2021/22, and those delivered to date.

Acute Inpatient Beds:

| | Total Beds planned | Delivered 2021 | Delivered to date 2022 | Remaining beds to be delivered* |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| NSP 2021 & Winter Plan 2021/22 | 1156* *(originally 1146 + 10 additional beds delivered) | 813 | 111 | 232 |
| NSP 2022 | 72 | | | 72 |
| TOTAL | 1228 | 813 | 111 | 304 |

*A full review of the remaining beds against profile is currently underway, in the context of on-going and planned capital works and current recruitment challenges to support operational use of the additional capacity as per plan.

There are no additional acute inpatient beds planned as part of the Winter Plan 2022/2023.



Critical Care Beds

As at end October 2022, there are 323 critical care beds available. All beds planned for Q1, Q2, Q3 2022 opened on schedule, and it is expected that the balance of the beds will open as planned.

It is expected that by end December 2022 there will be 326 bed available.

| Hospital | Planned Critical Care Beds 2022 | | | | Planned Critical Care Beds 2023 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|----|----|---------------------------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
| Tallaght University Hospital | | | 12 | | |
| St James's Hospital | 1 | | | | |
| MMUH | 6 | | | | 10 |
| St Vincent's University Hospital | | | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Cork University Hospital | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

I trust this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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