



3rd November 2022

Deputy Brid Smith TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 52420/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the winter plans will result in any permanent increase in acute hospital bed numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

There has been significant investment in Bed Capacity in the Health Service Executive (HSE) over the last number of years, particularly through annual National Service Plans (NSPs) and recent Winter Plans.

I set out below 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>304</b>

A total of 304 beds remain to be delivered to the acute hospital system, with dependencies of capacity development and staffing resource.

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



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I trust this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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