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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 42326/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of transition and step down beds available in County Louth in each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, inclusive in tabular form by year, number and location including disability and older persons services; the details of future plans to expand the number of available beds into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd**

Dear Deputy O' Dowd,

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 have examined the matter and outlined the position in relation to CHO8 locally contracted step down beds as follows;

Louth Services for Older People - Transitional / Interim Beds 2015 -2022							
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
24	24	24	24	24	22	22	22

This matter is kept under review and the national contracting of transitional care beds continue in addition to the above.

Louth Disability Services do not provide a step down service.

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,

Anne Kennedy  
Acting Chief Officer  
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