



21st June, 2023

David Cullinane, TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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PQ 33621/23

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Minister for Health has requested the HSE National Community Operations for Older People to respond directly to your Parliamentary Question;

To ask the Minister for Health to provide a capital and revenue cost for an intermediate care bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

An intermediate Care bed is utilised to provide post-acute care facilities where a patient no longer requires acute care and needs step down support. The revenue costs outlined below are based on 2023 budget.

An intermediate care bed can be fully funded or partially funded. Where an existing bed has been repurposed as an intermediate care bed and consequently supported by additional therapies the weekly average revenue cost for a partially funded intermediate care bed is €520 per week.

The weekly average revenue cost for a fully funded intermediate care bed is €2,493 per week. This includes therapies support (i.e. physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetic and speech and language services if prescribed.)

The average capital cost for an intermediate care bed which for high level budgetary purposes only, would be considered reasonable to classify as a Non-Acute bed has an estimated Capital Cost range per Unit of €430K – €504K. This is most recently estimated capital cost range per bed type which reflects the uplift in inflation in June 2023.

This high level indicative capital cost range is based on the provisions of multiple arrangements for different bed types and not single bed provisions. It is also based on the provision of 'new' beds as, given the absence of any specific site information.



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aisling Curley', on a small rectangular piece of paper.

Aisling Curley
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