



10th July 2023

Mr David Cullinane, TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 33904/23

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Minister for Health has requested the HSE to respond directly to your Parliamentary Question;

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated weekly, monthly and annual cost of contracting a bed in a private nursing home for short-stay use by public hospitals.

I confirm today, there are 714 short-stay beds contracted by the HSE from private residential providers nationally. This number has fluctuated between 650 and 730 beds available since January 2023 based on demand. These beds are available for patients who are ready for discharge from an acute hospital, but who may need some therapeutic supports to assist their ultimate return home.

The average cost of these beds is €217.28 per day, €1,521 per week, €6,519 per month (30 days) and €79,309 annually. The cost per bed comprises of the base weekly NTPF rate paid to a private nursing home plus up to €500 to allow for physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetic and speech and language services if prescribed.

Yours sincerely,

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HSE Community Operations, Services for Older People

