



27 September 2023

Deputy Jim O'Callaghan TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 36067 / 23: To ask the Minister for Health the refurbishments or replacements completed since 2020 in each of the public nursing homes; the number of additional beds provided in each facility, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

All publicly and privately managed residential care facilities for the older person must comply with SI293 regulations which is enforced by the regulator HIQA. This requirement has disproportionately impacted publicly managed facilities due to the age of their building structures and has resulted in a high number of bed closures.

The Capital Investment Programme which commenced in 2016 but was delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic is now progressing. There are a number of projects commenced or planned to commence across the CHO areas with completion dates between 2023 and 2026. This programme will greatly assist in the refurbishment of old units/new builds and will deliver replacement beds which will be SI293 compliant.

Appendix I below outlines the number of public facilities with works completed and facilities with beds due to come on stream in the coming weeks and months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Yours Sincerely,

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Appendix I

CHO	No of Facilities requiring refurbishment works, completed or planned	Facilities with additional beds to date	No of additional beds	Facilities with additional beds due to open	No of additional beds to open
1	8	1	1	1	24
2	1	1	10	1	31
3	8	2	25	1	6
4	20	3	79	1	50
5	8	0	0	2	90
6	5	1	18	1	8
7	2	0	0	0	0
8	7	0	0	3	48
9	1	0	0	0	0