



10th July 2023

Mr David Cullinane, TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 30368/23

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 different types of community beds contracted by the HSE, broken down by bed type, the number of beds contracted by bed type, the average weekly cost by type, in tabular form.

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 national cost of these privately contracted beds is €1,521 per week. The weekly cost comprises of the base 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.

The table below shows the number of contracted short-stay beds per CHO area.

CHO#	Total privately contracted short-stay beds
CHO 1	20
CHO 2	26
CHO 3	79
CHO 4	49
CHO 5	44
CHO6	77
CHO 7	89
CHO 8	82
CHO 9	248
Total	714

Yours sincerely,

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