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12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Deputy Brendan Griffin TD,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ: 31265/23

Dear Deputy Griffin,

**PQ Question:** To ask the Minister for Health the total number of beds in use at UHK; how this compares to each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin

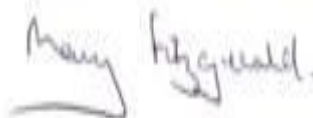
There are currently a total of 282 Inpatient beds (Medical, Surgical, Critical Care, Maternity) in operation at UHK. This complement of Inpatient beds is exclusive of the Palliative Inpatient Care Unit x 15 beds and the Mental Health Unit x 34 beds. When combined, these bring total Inpatient capacity to 331 beds. Additionally there are 14 Surgical Day beds plus 50 day service places currently in operation here at University Hospital Kerry – The fifty day service places comprise Oncology, Haemodialysis, Endoscopy, Infusion Suite and the Obstetrical Delivery Unit.

Note during COVID surges from 2021 and into 2022, bed capacity would have fluctuated frequently as was shaped at the time by demands of the COVID 19 pandemic. In essence \*Inpatient beds were temporarily unavailable as staffing redeployed to COVID beds; staffing shortages due to COVID etc. Further, the establishment of Acute Floor in ED [April 2021] incorporates AMU places and establishment of medical pathways.

<b>Acute Bed Capacity UHK</b>			
<i>Year</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Bed Capacity</i>	<i>278 Inpatient</i>	<i>*263 Inpatient</i>	<i>282 Inpatient</i>

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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