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Mr Matt Shanahan TD  
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Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 12711 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the additional service capacity that has been provided by way of additional dedicated day ward beds to the cardiac suite, with respect to the new cardiac cath lab in Waterford; what weekly service plan is being assigned in terms of this bed allocation availability; where in the hospital these beds are located; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Shanahan

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The original project approval for the development of the 2nd Cardiac Cath Lab included additional recovery beds (number of 6 in total); these beds were excluded in the actual build as the local UHW Project team requested an increase in the supporting clinical rooms (i.e. echo, pacing & clinical multi-disciplinary team) within the same overall building footprint.

An interim solution in the form of 2/3 beds in the Day Ward had initially been identified, but this is no longer feasible at the present time given the impact of the fire in Wexford General Hospital which has resulted in the Day Ward in UHW occupied with inpatients. Hospital Management/SSWHG are examining options with HSE Estates to create space for new beds to accompany the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cath Lab.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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