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Deputy Darren O'Rourke  
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**Re PQ 13353/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of palliative care beds in County Meath; and if palliative care services will be further improved during the remainder of 2023 – Darren O'Rourke**

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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 outlined the position as follows.

There are no palliative care beds in Co. Meath. It is intended to develop a specialist palliative care unit in Drogheda that will service the population of Louth and Meath. The current emphasis of palliative care developments in Co. Meath is to increase the current staffing numbers of the homecare service to augment the service it provides to patients in all community settings, seven days per week.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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