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Mr. Michael Lowry, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**PQ 13799/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 281 of 20 January 2022, 532 of 13 December 2022 and 528 of 5 December 2022, if he will confirm that the review and service demand need analysis which have been carried out in part to identify the allocation of long-stay, respite, palliative care beds in St. Anthony's unit Clonmel can be made available to myself and the Hospital Palliative care Tipperary Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Lowry

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

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

The review you reference was a series of discussions with relevant staff that includes those working at National Level in relation to Palliative Care statistics and the local Home Care team Clinical Nurse Manager (CNM3) in relation to the needs of the service. I am arranging to meet with yourself and the Hospital Palliative Care Tipperary Group as stated in letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023, when I will discuss this matter further.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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