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Ref PQ Number 14715/23 To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1156 of 18 January 2023, if further details can be provided on bed-capacity analysis for Galway University Hospital; in terms of the figure of 222, what this addition would bring the capacity to; and if details can be provided on the requirement for an extra 24 beds in Portiuncula hospital; and if he will clarify whether or not this takes into account the new 50-bed block currently under construction. -Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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

Galway University Hospital: The current bed capacity at Galway University Hospitals is 716, this includes 643 beds in University Hospital Galway and 73 beds in Merlin Park University Hospital. The additional 222 beds will increase GUH beds to 938.

Portiuncula University Hospital: The requirement for an extra 24 beds in Portiuncula is based on the Demand and Capacity Analysis for our Model 3 Hospitals completed by the Saolta Group to identify the future inpatient and daycase bed capacity requirements up to 2030.

The new 50 bedded Ward Block will provide 50 en-suite single rooms allowing for the relocation of two medical wards from the existing building of which the infrastructure impacted on PUH's ability to accommodate service users requiring isolation rooms. The 24 beds forecast in the demand and capacity analysis are in addition to the 50 bedded ward block. As the outcomes have been modelled for 2030, the reality may deviate from these outcomes.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cosgrove', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Ann Cosgrove,
Chief Operations Officer,
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