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Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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

PQ 22544/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of high-dependency places in the public nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Rose Conway-Walsh

The NHSS on behalf of the HSE report on a total of 4490 long stay beds (April 2023), which are inclusive of publicly and voluntary managed residential care facilities. It is expected that applicants who avail of the NHSS have exhausted all other relevant community supports and their needs are such that they require a high level of care over a 7 day period. Long term care residents generally have a number of co-morbidities that makes their care complex and it is expected that these Community Nursing Units are responsive to their high level of need.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Martina Duffy,
General Manager – Long Term Care and Integration,
Services for Older People.