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**PQ 22753/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds to population in each hospital, by bed type, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

The number of acute beds as a national aggregate is reported by the OECD in 2020 as 2.9 beds per 1000 population in Ireland. This does not, however, break down detail by Hospital Group or CHO area and this is not currently available.

It should be noted that

- Some hospitals have national or regional specialty beds.
- Hospitals, dependant on location, have different age profiles.
- There are many variations by site including tertiary beds, Paediatrics, Maternity, Psychiatry, AMAU, step down beds etc so therefore it would be very difficult to apply regional comparisons.

I do attach, for your information, the average number of beds available at the end of March 2023.

Please also refer to the footnotes in the attached data.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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