



25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

Colm Burke, TD  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**PQ 23006/23**

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Minister for Health has requested the HSE National Community Operations for Older People to respond directly to your Parliamentary Question;

**To ask the Minister for Health what engagement has taken place with the HSE with regard to providing additional financial supports for patients requiring a higher level of care in private nursing homes, and in particular where these patients are being discharged from HSE hospitals and where there is no HSE community hospital beds available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

The National Transitional Care Funding Office continues to accept and fund applications for additional supports for those who require higher care needs in private nursing homes.

Higher care needs are identified when a person is ready for discharge from an acute hospital and a private nursing home has completed their assessment of care required. The acute hospital will submit the application to the HSE. The funding is agreed and approved prior to discharge based on the care need of the individual and will be monitored by Community Services to ensure the individual receives the appropriate levels of support.

Yours sincerely,

**Aisling Curley**  
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HSE Community Operations, Services for Older People