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Mr David Cullinane T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 23727/23

To ask the Minister for Health the all-in final capital cost of developing the new Waterford residential care centre; the number of beds; the all-in revenue cost of staffing and servicing the facility; and the whole-time equivalent requirements.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

In early 2018 the construction of a new Community Residential Nursing Unit i.e. Waterford Residential Care Centre, (WRCC) commenced on a site adjacent to the then St. Patrick's Hospital. HSE Estates have advised that the overall cost was €29m (includes construction cost, equipping cost, fees and VAT) with residents transferring to the new Unit in April 2020. Following the development of WRCC, a section of the former St. Patrick's Hospital building was utilised to develop a new 15 bed Rehabilitation Unit at a cost of €2.4m (includes construction cost, equipping cost, fees and VAT) which opened in quarter 1, 2023.

The total WRCC bed complement at end July 2023 with a fully opened service will deliver;

- 79 Long term care beds
- 15 Rehabilitation Beds
- 1 Respite bed

Staffing costs for WRCC are currently €6,870,384 providing for 129.24 WTE.

For your information, works are currently ongoing at WRCC i.e. upgrade doors to meet Fire Regulation compliance in accordance with the independent regulator, Health Information and Quality Authority, (HIQA). These upgrade works should be completed by end July 2023.

I trust this clarifies. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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