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Ref: PQ 24016/23

To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to open respite beds at the Sacred Heart Hospital to alleviate pressure at Mayo University Hospital and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ ref 24016/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 2nd June, 2023 due for response on The 4th July regarding representation that you have made to the Minister for Health regarding plans to open respite beds at the Sacred Heart Hospital to alleviate pressure at Mayo University Hospital and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I wish to confirm that Community Healthcare West opened two beds, one for respite and one for rehabilitation on the 15th May at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Castlebar.

I trust this response addresses the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Gerard McCormack
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