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Dear Deputy Gould,

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 25278/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of stepdown facilities, by county; and the number of beds open in each.**

‘Stepdown’ facilities are facilities (both public and privately managed) containing beds which are assigned to a multitude of bed categories such as Rehabilitation, Transitional Care and Convalescence, and thus does not include the totality of all short term bed stock that are managed in the Community Healthcare Organisations (CHO) areas i.e. Respite Beds.

Stepdown beds are provided to support the HSE in facilitating the transfer of patients from hospitals, whom are medically fit for discharge from the acute setting but do require a standard of care prior to discharge home, or to another care facility i.e. Long Term Care.

There are currently 57 public nursing home facilities providing 1173 short stay beds (Appendix I) and there are 49 privately contracted nursing homes providing 788 short stay beds (Appendix II).

I trust this information is of assistance to you

Yours Sincerely,

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**Appendix I: Public Nursing Home Facilities with Short Stay Beds – Open Beds as at April 2023**

<b>LHO</b>	<b>No of Facilities with Short Stay Beds</b>	<b>No of open Stepdown Beds</b>
Donegal	7	93
Sligo / Leitrim	2	39
Cavan / Monaghan	1	32
Galway	3	31
Mayo	4	103
Roscommon	0	0
Clare	1	12
Limerick	2	61
Tipperary / East Limerick	1	13
Kerry	6	67
North Cork	1	4
North Lee	2	4
South Lee	1	14
West Cork	4	13
Carlow / Kilkenny	4	41
South Tipperary	3	40
Waterford	2	31
Wexford	2	41
Dun Laoghaire	0	0
Dublin South East / Wicklow	2	109
Wicklow	1	6
Dublin South West	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	1	45
Dublin South City	1	93
Louth	0	0
Meath	0	0
Laois / Offaly	3	12
Longford / Westmeath	0	0
Dublin North	0	0
Dublin North Central	0	0
Dublin North West	3	269
<b>Totals</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1173</b>

**Appendix II: Private Contracted Short Stay Beds**

<b>County</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Total Beds</b>
<b>Galway</b>	5	23
<b>Limerick</b>	3	10
<b>Tipperary</b>	2	24
<b>Clare</b>	5	36
<b>Cork</b>	5	54
<b>Waterford</b>	3	24
<b>Wexford</b>	1	12
<b>Kilkenny</b>	1	8
<b>Wicklow</b>	2	23
<b>Dublin</b>	10	447
<b>Kildare</b>	6	56
<b>Laois</b>	1	17
<b>Meath</b>	4	36
<b>Louth</b>	1	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>788</b>