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Deputy Colm Burke,
Washington House,
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****To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the current position within his Department and the HSE in respect of developing a rehabilitation facility in Cork, in particular in view of the new modular hospital which has been built in Mallow which has capacity to take 40 rehabilitation patients if the required staff were employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter****

- **Deputy Colm Burke**

Dear Deputy Burke,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The focus for rehabilitation planning for the region includes enhancing and maximising existing facilities and options appraisal for additional capacity. The use of the additional bed capacity coming on stream in Mallow General Hospital this year is currently under review and will be configured to deliver maximum benefit to the region both in terms of acute and rehabilitation needs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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