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Deputy Colm Burke, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 25326/23:

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the reason 14 step-down beds in Clonakilty Community Hospital are no longer in use, in particular where there is enormous pressure on the hospitals in Cork to have patients transferred to these types of step-down facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”.

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.

Clonakilty Community Hospital is owned and operated by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and is located on the outskirts of Clonakilty town. Resident accommodation is spread across four units and the unit is registered to provide long term, respite, transitional, palliative and dementia care to its residents.

All transitional care beds in Clonakilty Community Hospital are open and occupied on a consistent basis. There are 9 beds available in the Transitional Care Unit, which reopened in 2021 following the lifting of Covid restrictions. A further 4 respite beds and 1 palliative care bed are also available in Clonakilty hospital, which brings the current total number of short stay beds at Clonakilty Community Hospital to 14.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is committed to providing services for older people that meet demand in the short and longer term for the people of Clonakilty and the surrounding area.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older People

