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To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the healthcare facilities in which the 20 community healthcare beds, announced on 4 April 2024, to be provided next winter, will be located and the impact the new beds will have on care provided in the said facilities last winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Michael McNamara

Dear Deputy McNamara,

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.

The tender to secure an external provider to provide and manage the Community Rehabilitation Unit beds in Ennis Co. Clare has been published on the Government's eTender website.

The purpose of the tender is to enable the HSE to appoint a suitably qualified service provider to support the provision of up to 25 beds as a rehabilitation facility, together with the building, staff and management.

The facility is required to be located within a 20km radius of Ennis Hospital.

The facility will provide additional beds for patients who require rehabilitation support as close to home as possible.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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