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Deputy Holly Cairns, T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health whether an increase in the number of community beds in Bandon Hospital could be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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 intention of the HSE at present is to continue to sustain and maintain the current services provided at Bandon Community Hospital into the future. This aligns with the desires of people to remain at home for as long as possible with community supports.

Capital projects are underway in a number of our Community Hospitals as part of the HIQA Compliance Programme in order to comply with regulatory requirements and facilitate a move away from the 'open ward' model to more private rooms which will ultimately result in enhanced facilities for local communities. A modern 25 bed-extension was officially opened at Bandon Community Hospital in 2018 which replaced much older multi-occupancy wards on the same site. The hospital is now a modern purpose built centre consisting of 21 single rooms and two twin rooms which meets the individual and communal needs of our residents. A further extension to Bandon Community Hospital is not currently planned within Cork Kerry Community Healthcare's current capital programme.

However, we continuously review the community's needs in line with population health planning and Sláintecare principles to ensure the ongoing development of modern services across the Cork and Kerry region. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is committed to ensuring that optimal services are provided to the Bandon community and the wider Cork and Kerry region.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older People