

29th February 2024

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Ref: PQ ref 1959/24

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 9 November 2023, the details of any recruitment process underway to increase staffing levels in the Áras Mhic Dara community nursing unit in Carraroe to facilitate the use of all available beds in the unit; the number of beds currently operational in the unit; the number of beds currently closed in the unit; the number of beds currently in use in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.


Dear Deputy Connolly

I refer to PQ ref 1959/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 12th January, 2024, due for response on the 31st January, 2024 regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health regarding any details of any recruitment process underway to increase staffing levels in the Áras Mhic Dara community nursing unit in Carraroe to facilitate the use of all available beds in the unit; the number of beds currently operational in the unit; the number of beds currently closed in the unit; the number of beds currently in use in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE have been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following outlines the current position.

There is a rolling recruitment campaign in Áras Mhic Dara Community Nursing Unit (CNU), interviews are currently in progress but further progression of posts are subject to the recruitment embargo being lifted. Presently there are twenty nine beds open and safely staffed. The full capacity of thirty four beds can be facilitated when staffing is available.

I trust this response addresses any issues you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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