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**Ref: PQ ref 31086/24 – Aras Mhic Dara Community Nursing Unit (CNU)**

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to PQ ref 31086/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, due for response on the 7th August, 2024 regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health in relation to Aras Mhic Dara Community Nursing Unit's recruitment beds capacity. The following outlines the current position.

I can confirm that we received a Notice of Decision from HIQA this week notifying us that the number of Registered Beds within the Registered Centre was being increased to 38. Currently we are staffed to safely operate 29 beds in the unit and these are all occupied. A Workforce Plan is being drafted by the management of the unit to identify the number and grading of staffing required to safely increase the available beds to 38. This will be done over the coming months in preparation for the Winter period.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Service  
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