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***PQ 21368/24 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 586 of 5 December 2023, if all 182 additional beds, and 28 additional critical care beds committed to in the urgent and emergency care plan have been delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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 Urgent & Emergency Plan stated that an additional 182 acute beds would be delivered by year end 2023. The balance of beds yet to deliver as part of NSP 2021-2023 is 4 beds, these will be delivered at St James's Hospital, this delay was as a result of delays in capital works required to make the beds operational

Under the UEC, a total of 28 additional critical care beds were planned, of which 6 were delivered as at the end of 2023, a further 8 have been delivered to date in 2024.

There are a further 4 profiled for delivery by end December 2024, and a further 10 beds are profiled for delivery in 2025. The delay in delivery is as a result of delays in refurbishment works and the challenges in the recruitment and retention of staff".

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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