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Ms. Cathy Bennett T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 21591/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and occupancy rate in Monaghan hospital, by category and by month, in each of the years 2023 and to date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter”*

Dear Deputy Bennett,

HSE Dublin and North East 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Patients admitted to Monaghan Hospital are either transferred from Cavan General Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda or other Tertiary Hospital settings. Patients must be medically discharged and meet the criteria of Monaghan Hospital to be admitted.

Bed occupancy rates / ward bed allocation may vary due to infection prevention and control measures, complex behaviour concerns, building works / renovations in the ward areas, and criteria for patient admission.

Please see below table containing the number of beds and occupancy rates for Monaghan Hospital for the timeframe requested:

Year	Month	Bed Numbers Available	Overall % Occupancy
2023	January	52	83%
2023	February	52	73%
2023	March	52	90%
2023	April	52	88%
2023	May	52	88%
2023	June	52	86%
2023	July	52	82%
2023	August	60	72%
2023	September	60	73%
2023	October	60	63%

Year	Month	Bed Numbers Available	Overall % Occupancy
2023	November	60	78%
2023	December	60	69%
2024	January	60	75%
2024	February	60	75%
2024	March	60	74%
2024	April	60	77%
2024	May	60	82%
2024	June	60	80%
2024	July	60	67%
2024	August	60	73%
2024	September	60	64%
2024	October	60	67%
2024	November	60	73%
2024	December	60	68%
2025	January	60	88%
2025	February	60	88%
2025	March	60	73%
2025	April	60	73%

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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