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Mr. Matt Carthy T.D. Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 2374/25 "To ask the Minister for Health the reasons inpatient stepdown bed occupancy rates in Monaghan Hospital have been so low in recent months, falling to 66% on some occasions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy"

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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.

Please be advised that bed occupancy rates may vary due to infection prevention and control measures, building works / renovations in the ward areas, and criteria for patient admission.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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