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To ask the Minister for Health the current number of adult inpatient hospital beds, excluding paediatric and/or day-case beds, in Model 3 and Model 4 Hospitals only, on a population basis in each of the six HSE health regions; and the projected number of adult inpatient hospital beds (excluding paediatric and/or day-case beds) on a population basis in model 3 and model 4 hospitals only in each of the six HSE Regions in 2031, assuming all promised additional adult inpatient beds committed to in the Acute Hospital Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan 2024-2031 are delivered, to include reference to the population figures used for each health region in 2024 and 2031.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Outlined hereunder in Table 1 is the current number of adult inpatient hospital beds in each of our Model 3 and Model 4 Hospitals. Please note that June 2024, as attached, is the latest set of validated data currently available from the HSE Business Intelligence Unit (BIU).

The Acute Hospital Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan, published in May 2024, presents the national response that allows for the planning and provision of additional acute inpatient bed capacity 2024–2031 across all the Health Regions. It outlines an anticipated additional 3,438 acute inpatient beds, across all hospitals and specialties, over the period of the Plan.

Based on your request seeking the projected number of proposed additional adult inpatient beds in Model 3 and Model 4 hospitals, the National Bed Expansion Plan 2024 -2031 outlines delivery of an additional 2,656 beds in these hospitals as detailed in Table 1 also.

As part of the Bed Expansion Plan, the 2022 Census and the CSO demand projections from the 2016 census were utilised to calculate the number of beds per 1,000 population. You will note that the number of beds per 1,000 population is estimated to increase from a national figure of 2.2 in December 2023 to 2.6 by 2031.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager, Access and Integration

Table 1

Current number of Adult Inpatient Beds in Model 3 and 4 Hospitals, and planned additional beds included in the National Bed Expansion Plan

	Model Type	Acute In Patient Beds June 2024	Total Planned 2025 - 2028	Total Planned 2029 - 2031
HSE Dublin & Midlands		1,947	268	303
MRH Mullingar	3	203		48
MRH Portlaoise	3	139		48
MRH Tullamore	3	233	72	
Naas General Hospital	3	202		48
St. James's Hospital	4	696	98	61
Tallaght University Hospital	4	474	98	98
HSE Dublin & North East		2,574	285	287
Beaumont Hospital	4	726	115	117
Cavan General Hospital	3	242	74	
Connolly Hospital	3	364		48
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	4	697		122
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	3	443	96	
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	3	102		
HSE Dublin & South East		1,732	283	213
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	3	242	16	48
St. Vincent's University Hospital	4	546	72	117
Tipperary University Hospital	3	250		48
UH Waterford	4	472	98	
Wexford General Hospital	3	222	97	
HSE Mid West		522	84	-
UH Limerick	4	522	84	
HSE South West		1,151	270	261
Cork University Hospital	4	645	80	261
Mercy University Hospital	3	223	82	
UH Kerry	3	283	108	
HSE West & North West		1,819	204	198
Galway University Hospitals	4	665	198	30
Letterkenny University Hospital	4	378		72
Mayo University Hospital	3	272		96
Portiuncula University Hospital	3	186	6	
Sligo University Hospital	3	318		
GRAND TOTAL		9,745	1,394	1,262

Table 2**Population Estimates 2020, 2023 and 2031 by Health Region.**

Hospital/Regional Health Authority	Beds as per 1,000 of Population based on 2020 Population Estimates	Beds as per 1,000 of Population at the end of December 2023 based on 2023 Population Estimates	Beds as per 1,000 of Population at the end of 2031 based on 2031 Population Estimates
HSE Dublin and South East	2.1	2.2	2.6
HSE Dublin and the Midlands	2.3	2.3	2.5
Hse Dublin and North East	2.1	2.3	2.6
HSE West North West	2.4	2.4	2.8
HSE SouthWest	1.9	2.1	2.6
HSE MidWest	1.7	2.0	2.7
National Level	2.1	2.2	2.6