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13th March, 2025

Deputy Brian Stanley T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 7616/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for expansion of HSE beds in community hospitals in Laois.

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

Currently the HSE has no plans to expand on long stay or short stay bed numbers in the three (3) Community Nursing Units in Co. Laois.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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