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Mr. Colm Burke, T.D.,

Dáil Éireann,

Dublin 2

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**“To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the category of patients that will be provided for under the fit-out of the existing first floor shell & cores space of Mallow General Hospital to provide 24 bed inpatient ward, as per the Acute Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan and HSE Capital Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for response.

The 24 inpatient ward reference by the Deputy is part of the acute inpatient bed capacity expansion plan and the beds will therefore be used for acute inpatients as befits a Model 2 hospital.

Yours sincerely,

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