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PQ ref 38711/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of community nursing home beds specifically available to individuals with alzheimer's within CHO2; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Hara

I refer to PQ ref 38711/25 uploaded on the PAD System on the 10th July, 2025 due for response on the 29th July, 2025 regarding the number of community nursing home beds specifically available to individuals with alzheimer's within CHO2. The HSE have been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the current position.

There are twenty-one public residential care facilities for older people in Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon (the former CHO2 area). This includes four district hospitals that offer short-stay beds. All of these units provide care to people living with dementia. Additionally, the HSE provides dementia-specific beds in some facilities, which are designated for older people living with dementia who require a higher level of care.

In this area, there are currently two units with dedicated dementia-specific areas: St. Brendan's in Loughrea, which has eighteen dementia-specific beds, and the new Joe & Helen O'Toole Community Nursing Unit (CNU) in Tuam, which has ten designated dementia-specific beds.

I trust this response has addressed the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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