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**PQ 40016/25** – *“To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Service Executive has considered funding for a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter” - Naoise Ó Muirí TD*

**Details Supplied:** Providing permanent funding for the 16 Winter Action Beds in Clontarf Hospital to maintain 160 bed capacity

Dear Deputy Ó Muirí,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Funding was provided by Older Persons Services covering the Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) & Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) for an additional 16 Beds in Clontarf Hospital as part of the Urgent Emergency Care (UEC) surge capacity measures for Winter 2024/2025 bringing the total bed capacity to 160 beds. At present Clontarf Hospital report an average bed occupancy of 87.5%, i.e. 140 of 160 open beds over recent months.

Funding is provided in response to surge capacity requirements to support acute hospitals dependent on demand over the winter period. Supplementary funding is not available for the permanent continuation of additional surge capacity measures. Older Persons Services incorporated the provision of the additional bed capacity as part of UEC/Winter 2025/2026 estimates request as a surge capacity measure subject to demand.

I trust this information clarifies your query.

Yours sincerely,

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