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d/s; 13 closed beds in Killybegs Community Hospital due to lack of staff, hospital is needed for patients from Dunkineely to Glencolmcille and Ardara area in South Donegal

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of closed beds in Killybegs Community Hospital (details supplied) due to staff shortages; the steps being taken to have enough staff in place to open these beds; when the 13 beds will re-open in order for the hospital to return to full patient capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Having examined the matter, I can confirm that there are 13 short-term care beds currently not available in Killybegs Community Hospital due to staffing issues. The Older Persons Management Team are working with senior management re the approval of the vacant positions.

Once approval has been given to recruit, the Older Persons Management Team will work closely with the Human Resource Department re the recruitment of staff. Following recruitment of staff the beds will reopen on a gradual basis at Killybegs Community Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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