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**RE: PQ33299/25: To ask the Minister for Health the reason the number of respite beds in a hospital (details supplied) has decreased in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Brady,

Thank you for your recent representation regarding the above information.

The Royal Hospital Donnybrook is funded to provide a broad range of services including Nursing Home Support services, complex rehabilitation services, post-acute rehab services and respite service provision.

In the overall context of this, service provision extends to 151 beds presently with 5 of these beds currently designated as Respite Care which are accessible to the Community. These 5 beds have prevailed for the past 3 years and were increased marginally from 4 in 2022. IHA South Dublin/Wicklow is acutely aware of the value of these beds to the Community in helping to maintain individuals at home for as long as possible. In this context the IHA will be ensuring the continuation of this service (at the levels advised) and will review every opportunity to increase capacity as resources and staffing allow.

The averaged costs of such beds are approximately € 2,000 per week and funding levels have remained constant with the exception of incremental inflation (mainly pay) and some non-pay cost efficiency measures.

I trust this information is as required.

Yours sincerely

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