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Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire, T.D.,
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PQ ref 33929/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home beds the HSE held in private nursing homes in Cork, in each of the past five years, including 2025.

PQ ref 33930/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of publicly funded medical emergency nursing home beds the HSE held in private nursing homes in Cork, in each of the past five years, including 2025.

Dear Deputy O Laoghaire,

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

Older Persons Residential Services are provided across a number of settings in HSE South West such as either directly by the HSE (statutory services) or through service arrangements with voluntary, not for profit and private providers who provide us with contracted beds. National and Regional agreements are in place in relation to nursing home beds in private nursing homes held by the HSE, with oversight maintained of residents placed in same in relation to service provision and resident care.

Private nursing home beds are, in the main, contracted to support timely discharge of patients from acute hospitals when the acute phase of their care is complete and to facilitate those patients returning home or transitioning into long-term residential care.

The below table sets out the number of nursing home beds held by the **Care Group for Older Persons Cork and Kerry, HSE South West**, in private nursing homes in Cork, in each of the past five years, including 2025:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
HSE SW – Services for Older Persons contracted private nursing home beds:	37	37	53	53	61

Yours sincerely,

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