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31st March 2025

Mr. Matt Carthy T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dear Deputy Carthy,

Re: PQ ref 11973/25 To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient rehabilitation bed occupancy in Monaghan Hospital in February 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Re: PQ ref 11974/25 To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient stepdown bed occupancy in Monaghan Hospital in February 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Re: PQ ref 11976/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that sought admission to an inpatient rehabilitation bed in Monaghan Hospital for which no bed could be provided, in each month since January 2024 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Re: PQ ref 11978/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that sought admission to an inpatient stepdown bed in Monaghan Hospital for which no bed could be provided, in each month since January 2024 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Re: PQ ref 11977/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in inpatient stepdown beds in Monaghan Hospital in each week since January 2024 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Re: PQ ref 11975/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in inpatient rehabilitation beds in Monaghan Hospital in each week since January 2024 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Re: PQ ref 11980/25 To ask the Minister for Health if there are proposals to increase the number of inpatient stepdown beds at Monaghan Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Re: PQ ref 11979/25 To ask the Minister for Health if there are proposals to increase the number of inpatient rehabilitation beds at Monaghan Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Dublin and North East 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

189 patients from the Cavan/Monaghan catchment area have been admitted to Monaghan Hospital to date in 2025. These patients either transferred from Cavan General Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda or other Tertiary Hospital settings. Patients must be medically discharged and meet the criteria of Monaghan Hospital to be admitted. Monaghan Hospital has a bed capacity of 59 inpatient beds, consisting of 20 beds for rehabilitation patients and 39 beds for stepdown patients.

Please see below table outlining inpatient bed capacity in the month requested;

Beds	January 2025	February 2025
Inpatient Rehabilitation / Stepdown Bed Occupancy	105	84

Bed occupancy rates / ward bed allocation may vary due to infection prevention and control measures, complex behaviour concerns, building works / renovations in the ward areas, and criteria for patient admission. Therefore, it would be difficult to give a precise % of rehabilitation / stepdown admissions. In January 2025 rehabilitation / stepdown admissions were 105 with 84 in February 2025. The 14.29% decrease in admissions from January to February was attributed to infection control issues plus 3 less days in the month of February.

Please see the table in Appendix 1 that provides data on number of patients in rehabilitation and stepdown beds, complex needs issue, infection control issues and building works that led to temporary bed closures in 2024. Unfortunately, there is no data available for rehabilitation patients or stepdown patients deemed unsuitable for admission at Monaghan Hospital during the requested weeks, as this information is not captured. However, with 39 stepdown beds available at Monaghan Hospital and the referral process for stepdown patients, it is unlikely that a stepdown patient would be considered unsuitable for admission to the hospital.

To note, the table in Appendix 1 shows an average occupancy rate of 95% for the rehabilitation beds at Monaghan Hospital from January 2024 to present.

There are currently no plans to increase inpatient rehabilitation or stepdown bed capacity at Monaghan Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1

Week Number	Start Date	End Date	20 Rehabilitation beds available. No. of patient in Rehabilitation beds	39 Stepdown Beds available. No. of patients in Stepdown beds	No. of Patients deemed unsuitable for admission Stepdown Beds	Infection Control Bed closures	Bed closures due to Complex Behaviour concerns	Building Works
Week 1	08/01/2024	14/01/2024	20	26	0	3	0	0
Week 2	15/01/2024	21/01/2024	17	28	0	4	0	0
Week 3	22/01/2024	28/01/2024	17	25	0	12	0	0
Week 4	29/01/2024	04/02/2024	13	23	0	15	0	0
Week 5	05/02/2024	11/02/2024	20	23	0	4	0	0
Week 6	12/02/2024	18/02/2024	22	28	0	0	0	0
Week 7	19/02/2024	25/02/2024	18	25	0	0	0	0
Week 8	26/02/2024	03/03/2024	16	27	0	0	1	0
Week 9	04/03/2024	10/03/2024	17	24	0	0	1	7
Week 10	11/03/2024	17/03/2024	19	21	0	1	1	0
Week 11	18/03/2024	24/03/2024	16	25	0	0	1	0
Week 12	25/03/2024	31/03/2024	19	23	0	0	7	0
Week 13	01/04/2024	07/04/2024	19	30	0	0	7	0
Week 14	08/04/2024	14/04/2024	19	23	0	0	7	0
Week 15	15/04/2024	21/04/2024	20	20	0	9	5	0
Week 16	22/04/2024	28/04/2024	19	23	0	6	1	0
Week 17	29/04/2024	05/05/2024	19	27	0	0	1	0
Week 18	06/05/2024	12/05/2024	16	30	0	0		0
Week 19	13/05/2024	19/05/2024	17	29	0	0		0
Week 20	20/05/2024	26/05/2024	19	29	0	0		0
Week 21	27/05/2024	02/06/2024	21	28	0	0		0
Week 22	03/06/2024	09/06/2024	20	29	0	0		0
Week 23	10/06/2024	16/06/2024	21	24	0	0		0
Week 24	17/06/2024	23/06/2024	20	26	0	3		0
Week 25	24/06/2024	30/06/2024	21	23	0	5		0
Week 26	01/07/2024	07/07/2024	20	22	0	3		0
Week 27	08/07/2024	14/07/2024	20	19	0	0		0
Week 28	15/07/2024	21/07/2024	20	19	0	0		0
Week 29	22/07/2024	28/07/2024	18	19	0	0		0
Week 30	29/07/2024	04/08/2024	18	21	0	0		0
Week 31	05/08/2024	11/08/2024	17	27	0	0		0
Week 32	12/08/2024	18/08/2024	19	27	0	0		0
Week 33	19/08/2024	25/08/2024	21	20	0	0		0
Week 34	26/08/2024	01/09/2024	20	21	0	0		0
Week 35	02/09/2024	08/09/2024	18	22	0	0		0



Week 36	09/09/2024	15/09/2024	20	20	0	0		0
Week 37	16/09/2024	22/09/2024	19	18	0	0		0
Week 38	23/09/2024	29/09/2024	15	18	0	0		0
Week 39	30/09/2024	06/10/2024	15	22	0	0		0
Week 40	07/10/2024	13/10/2024	21	19	0	0		0
Week 41	14/10/2024	20/10/2024	20	17	0	0		0
Week 42	21/10/2024	27/10/2024	20	15	0	0		0
Week 43	28/10/2024	03/11/2024	20	23	0	0		0
Week 44	04/11/2024	10/11/2024	17	26	0	0		0
Week 45	11/11/2024	17/11/2024	19	21	0	0		0
Week 46	18/11/2024	24/11/2024	20	26	0	0		0
Week 47	25/11/2024	01/12/2024	19	25	0	0		0
Week 48	02/12/2024	08/12/2024	20	24	0	0		0
Week 49	09/12/2024	15/12/2024	21	20	0	3		0
Week 50	16/12/2024	22/12/2024	20	14	0	9		0
Week 51	23/12/2024	29/12/2024	21	18	0	0		0
Week 52	30/12/2024	05/01/2025	22	27	0	0		0
Week 53	06/01/2025	12/01/2025	21	26	0	6		0
Week 54	13/01/2025	19/01/2025	20	26	0	9		0
Week 55	20/01/2025	26/01/2025	20	30	0	0		0
Week 56	27/01/2025	02/02/2025	20	34	0	0		0
Week 57	03/02/2025	09/02/2025	20	33	0	0		0
Week 58	10/02/2025	16/02/2025	20	29	0	0		0
Week 59	17/02/2025	23/02/2025	20	26	0	5		0
Week 60	24/02/2025	02/03/2025	20	30	0	4		0
Average Bed use			19	24	0	2	1	