



Deputy Pádraig Rice  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

***PQ13355/25:- To ask the Minister for Health the current number of critical care beds, by site, in tabular form. -Pádraig Rice.***

***PQ13354/25:- To ask the Minister for Health critical care beds delivered in 2024 and to date in 2025, by site, in tabular form. - Pádraig Rice***

Dear Deputy Rice,

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.

The Government's strategic multi-year plan to provide additional permanent adult critical care capacity was developed in 2020 to support the long-term strategic goal of increasing overall adult critical care capacity. The plan is clinically led and aligns with the National Critical Care Clinical Programme "hub and spoke" Model of Care and the vision set out in Sláintecare of "right care, right place, right time".

Significant investment in excess of €77m from 2021 to date has supported an increase in the number of funded adult critical care beds from 258 adult Critical Care beds in March 2020 to 340 to date.

The balance of the Phase 1 investment profiled for delivery in 2025 is a further 6 adult critical care beds to be delivered in Q3, 2025 by SVUH and another 6 in the MMUH by the end of 2025.

The attached Table shows the number of funded critical care beds by site and the years in which the additional funded critical care beds were delivered. The profile of the beds for 2025 for SVUH and MMUH is also included.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Carol Ivory,  
General Manager, Access & Integration

	2020-2021			Phase 1 2022			Phase 1 & Phase 1+ 2023				Phase 1 & Phase 1+ 2024							Phase 1 & Phase 1+ 2025							
Region/Hospital*	Beds March 2020	NSP	Phase 1 Beds opened 2020-21	NSP	Phase 1 Beds Opened 2022	Total Beds end 2022	NSP	Phase	Phase 1/1+ Opened 2023	Total Beds end 2023	NSP	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Phase 1/1+ Opened 2024	Phase 1/1+ Remaining 2024	Total Beds end 2024	NSP	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total Beds end 2025	Total Beds End Phase 1/1+
HSE Dublin and North East																									
Cavan Hospital	4	NSP 21	1			5			0	5								5						5	5
Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda	8					8			0	8								8						8	8
Navan Hospital	2					2			0	2								2						2	2
MMUH	32	NSP 21	3	NSP 21	6	41	NSP 22	Phase 1	0	41	NSP24		2*	2*		4	0	45	NSP24	2		2	2	51	51
Beaumont Hospital	25	NSP 21	2			27			0	27								27						27	27
Connolly Hospital	4	NSP 21	2			6			0	6								6						6	6
HSE Dublin and Midlands																									
Naas General Hospital	4					4			0	4								4						4	4
MRH Portlaoise	2					2			0	2								2						2	2
MRH Tullamore	4	NSP 21	2			6			0	6	NSP24			1		1	0	7						7	7
MRH Mullingar	6					6			0	6								6						6	6
Tallaght University Hospital	14			NSP 21	12	26			0	26								26						26	26
St James's Hospital	31	NSP 21	4	NSP 21	1	36	NSP23	Phase 1+	0	36	NSP24	1		2		3	0	39						39	39
HSE Dublin and South East																									
St Vincents University Hospital	16	NSP 21	2	NSP 21	1	19	NSP21(2)/NSP22(7)	Phase 1	2	21	NSP24						0	21	NSP24			6		27	27
St Luke's Kilkenny Hospital	4					4			0	4								4						4	4
Wexford General Hospital	5					5			0	5								5						5	5
Sth Tipperary General Hospital	4	NSP 21	1			5			0	5								5						5	5
University Hospital Waterford	9	NSP 21	2			11			0	11								11						11	11
HSE South West																									
Cork University Hospital	19	NSP 21	3	NSP 22	3	25	NSP22(1)/NSP23(4)	Phase 1/ 1	3	28	NSP24		2			2	0	30						30	30
Mercy University Hospital	5	NSP 21	1			6			0	6								6						6	6
Kerry University Hospital	5	NSP 21	1			6			0	6								6						6	6
HSE West and North West																									
Letterkenny University Hospital	5	NSP 21	1			6			0	6								6						6	6
Portiuncula University Hospital	6					6			0	6								6						6	6
Sligo University Hospital	5	NSP 21	1			6	NSP 23	Phase 1+	1	7	NSP24		1			1	0	8						8	8
Mayo University Hospital	3					3			0	3								3						3	3
Galway University Hospital	18	NSP 21	6			24			0	24								24						24	24
HSE Mid West																									
University Hospital Limerick	18	NSP 21	10			28				28								28						28	28
Total	258		42		23	323			6	329		1	5	5	0	11	0	340		2	0	8	2	352	352

Funded Capacity - End March 2025

340