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Deputy William Aird T.D.,
Dail Éireann,
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Re: PQ ref 24037/25 - If funding will be provided for additional beds for people with Dementia at St. Bridget's Shaen Hospital, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

Dear Deputy Aird,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

St. Brigid's Shaen Hospital is a HIQA registered twenty three (23) bedded long stay residential unit which provides continuing care for residents. There are currently no new funding streams or plans to convert any of the long stay beds into dementia specific long stay beds or to develop services in St. Brigid's with a new dementia specific service.

Currently St. Vincent's Mountmellick provide a dementia specific service in St Martha's Ward.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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