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To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been achieved in respect of the step down facilities across CHO5 since 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lawlor,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Please see attached Appendix "A" showing the bed numbers for each Community Nursing Unit (CNU) designated as step-down facilities across CHO5. The step-down facilities across CHO5 continue to play a vital role in supporting patient flow and enabling timely discharges from acute hospitals. While no additional step-down capacity has been introduced since 2022, the HSE remain committed to enhancing transitional care pathways to improve patient outcomes and system efficiency.

I trust this clarifies. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Sutton
General Manager, Older Person's Services
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Appendix A

Community Nursing Unit	IHA Area	Total No. of beds in Unit	No. of General Long Stay Beds	No. of Dementia Specific Long Stay Beds	No. of Rehabilitation Short Stay Beds	No. of Assessment/ Convalescence/ Transitional Care Short Stay Beds	No. of Respite Short Stay Beds	No. of Palliative Short Stay Beds	No of Dementia Specific Short Stay beds
Carlow District Hospital	CWKKST	17	0	0	0	6	7	4	0
Cashel Residential Older Persons Services	CWKKST	81	59	0	21	0	0	1	0
Castlecomer District Hospital	CWKKST	18	0	0	0	8	8	2	0
Sacred Heart Hospital	CWKKST	63	32	12	14	3	0	0	2
St Anthony's Hospital	CWKKST	18	17	0	0	0	0	1	0
St Columba's Hospital	CWKKST	55	36	8	10	0	0	0	1
St Theresa's Hospital, Clogheen	CWKKST	18	0	0	0	15	1	2	0
Cluain Arann	CWKKST	10	0	0	0	4	4	2	0
Abbeygale	WWWX	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0

Dunabbey House	WWWX	28	26	0	0	0	2	0	0
Dungarvan Community Hospital	WWWX	102	68	9	12	4	4	5	0
Gorey District Hospital	WWWX	20	0	0	0	12	5	3	0
New Houghton Hospital	WWWX	42	38	0	0	0	4	0	0
St John's Hospital	WWWX	103	53	19	20	9	1	0	1
WRCC	WWWX	95	79	0	15	0	1	0	0