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***PQ 28732/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the all-in revenue and capital cost of each type of care bed, including, but not limited to, short-stay community beds, long-stay residential care beds, acute inpatient beds, intensive care beds, CAMHS inpatient places, rehabilitation bed at the National Rehabilitation hospital, and social inclusion beds, and any other classification of bed used by the HSE, in tabular form. -David Cullinane***

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

The development of an estimated revenue and capital costs for the provision of new beds for each specific type of bed, as set out in your question, is dependent on several factors. These factors influence the potential range of capital and operational costs which include site specific requirements, complexity of host site, potential enabling work, specific regional factors and geographical locations, statutory and regulatory obligations and infection prevention control measures requirements, all of which may attract a premium and influence the specific actual cost per bed.

The information below provides an indication of the estimated costs. However, it should be noted that these estimates would only be used for high-level budgetary purposes, given the site-specific factors outlined above. Clearly at present, healthcare inflation is a factor on capital projects.

Capital costs can vary depending on location, timing of tender and market costs at that time. These costs will be spread over the lifetime of the project. Revenue costs are current estimates based on pay and non-pay costs for indicative planning purposes.

Access and Integration contacted colleagues across the system in relation to your question, below details information received broken down by healthcare delivery area.

#### Acute Hospitals

##### Revenue costs:

The national average in-patient cost of a hospital bed per day is €1,260, and for an ICU bed per day is €2,430.

Please note that the figure €1,260 is a 'fully-absorbed' cost which means it includes all treatment and care costs (such as diagnostics, theatres etc.) as well as running costs such as heating and lighting, servicing equipment etc. but excludes capital and depreciation.



It does not include other associated hospital costs such as day case, outpatient and emergency department costs.

Capital costs:

| Bed Type      | Estimated Capital Cost Range<br>Per Unit<br>(Adjusted for inflation to<br>August 2024) | Estimated Capital Cost Range<br>Per Unit<br>(Adjusted for inflation to June<br>2025) |
|---------------|--|--|
| Acute         | €750k - €1.1m  | €0.78m - €1.34m  |
| Critical Care | €1.83m - €2.12m  | €1.88m - €2.18m  |

\*Acute 2024 figure aligns with the figures published in the Department of Health "Acute Hospital Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan 2024 – 2031" Report.

It should be noted that there are a number of factors which will impact on the actual cost per bed such as: complexity of the host site / campus, scale of potential enabling works, specific site conditions or site factors, specific regional factors and geographical locations all of which will have an impact on the actual specific cost per bed.

In addition, these cost ranges are a high-level budgetary cost range per bed and relates to in-patient / ward accommodation only, and do not account for other important clinical departments such as radiology, operating departments, neurology etc which are project specific and sit outside of the cost ranges presented.

#### Older Persons

Community Nursing Unit: The all-in national average paid cost of a community bed is €1,931 per bed per week - €100,688 per annum based on 2025 data.

Intermediate Care Beds/ Short stay Beds: The weekly average revenue cost for a fully funded Intermediate care bed is €2,622 per bed per week - €136,719 per annum based on 2024 – the latest available data.

#### National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH)

The average cost for an in-patient bed in the NRH in 2025 is €1,598.

#### Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

The estimated average annual cost of a CAMHS inpatient bed is €383,000 per bed.

#### Palliative Care

The estimated revenue cost for a Palliative Care bed is €1,100 per night.

Please note Palliative Care beds are categorised within the Rehabilitation category in terms of costs, by HSE Capital and Estates.

The estimated capital costs of a Palliative Bed is €1.08m to €1.51m for 2025.



Please note the above Palliative Care bed costs are dependant on specific factors including location, specifications of units, staffing, occupancy level etc.

Social Inclusion

Social inclusion bed costs vary based on the nature and setting of the bed being provided. Typically, capital costs will be consistent with a community bed. Revenue costs will vary, depending on the associated services provided with the bed. In many cases these residential services are contracted out to service providers.

I trust this is of assistance to you,

Yours sincerely,

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