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Minister Christopher O'Sullivan, T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to extending the capacity at Kinsale Community Hospital by an additional 100 beds and improve both in- and out-patient services; and if she will make a statement on the matter".

Details Supplied: The hospital needs more options to care for both in and out patients to ease pressure on staff and patients as the region's population grows. Kinsale Community Hospital can currently accommodate up to 40 residents for short stay convalescence or respite care as well as long-term care options. Kinsale Community hospital is an amazing asset to the Kinsale hinterlands and the care patients get is extraordinary and the staff are incredibly hard working and dedicated. But the hospital needs more beds acute beds and kite beds for older people. The HSE owns two acres next to the hospital which would be perfect for an extension to accommodate extra beds.

Dear Minister O'Sullivan,

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.

Kinsale Community Hospital is a residential unit for older people, registered to provide care to 40 residents, with varying dependency levels ranging from low to maximum dependency.

In common with a number of our community hospitals, Kinsale Community Hospital has undergone extensive renovations and extension works over the past few years to comply with regulatory requirements. Following the recent refurbishment programme, Kinsale Community Hospital is now a modern centre which meets the individual and communal needs of our residents.

The intention of HSE South West at present is to continue to sustain and maintain the current services provided at Kinsale Community Hospital, in alignment with the desires of people to remain at home for as long as possible with community supports. However, HSE South West continuously reviews the community's needs in line with population health planning and Sláintecare principles and we are committed to ensuring that optimal services will continue to be provided and developed for the people of Kinsale and surrounding areas.

I trust this clarifies the position and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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