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Deputy John Paul O'Shea, T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health for an update on bed capacity and occupancy in Macroom Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy O'Shea,

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.

Macroom Community Hospital is a 38 bedded community hospital providing long-term care, convalescence care, respite and palliative care to residents.

Macroom Community Hospital had to undergo significant extension and refurbishment works in order to comply with HIQA regulations and facilitate a move away from the 'open ward' model to more private rooms. These essential works were necessary to provide an enhanced facility for the local community. The new hospital extension in Macroom was completed in 2022 and refurbishment works were then undertaken on the existing hospital, which are now concluded.

26 beds are currently operational at the hospital, comprised of 21 long term care beds and 5 short stay beds. As of today's date, the occupancy rate at the hospital stands at 100%.

We are working, with management and staff in Macroom, to open 12 additional beds at the hospital on a phased basis while ensuring that adequate staffing levels are in place in the context of delivering safe care to our residents and ensuring the safety of our staff. Residents, staff and the community will be kept updated on developments in this regard.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older Persons