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To ask the Minister for Health the daily 8am trolley counts for Cork University Hospital for each day of July – September 2025, the number of single- room isolation beds available and occupied each day in the emergency department and admission areas; the number of suspected or confirmed respiratory-virus patients cohort in non-isolation areas; and the actions taken since 1 August 2025 to reduce trolley numbers at Cork University Hospital, with the outcomes referencing HSE trolley GAR and INMO datasets.

Dear Deputy O’Flynn

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 the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that on each day all isolation facilities were occupied and used to support PCHAI

Number of suspected or confirmed respiratory-virus patients cohorted in non-isolation areas - We are unable to track this currently due to a lack of bed level designation on our patient information system and administration deficits. We have achieved funding for the steps required to enable a system called ICNET. We are hopeful that we will have this system rolled out by Q2 2026.

Actions taken since 1 August 2025 to reduce trolley numbers at Cork University Hospital, with the outcomes referencing HSE trolley GAR and INMO datasets are as follows:

- We have commenced a 7 day Acute Medicine model to provide more medical support for acutely unwell patients and increase conversion to discharge from the Acute Floor.
- We are recruiting increased capacity into our F.I.T Team and are waiting for the National agreement on 7 day pay structures for HSCPs to enable more capacity at weekends for the 75+ and increased capacity for conversion to discharge

- We are recruiting additional capacity into our Acute Medicine and Emergency Medicine Teams for senior decision making 7 days
- We are working hard to build increased bed capacity within our current infrastructure. We are working on an additional 6 beds in a current ward space and on converting a current OPD space into in-patient beds to give us more capacity.
- We are working to streamline our process for daily unscheduled and scheduled bed capacity management ; important to site that most of our scheduled activity into beds is for Time Critical interventions.
- We are working with our Regional performance and development manager on the Capital development plan for more capacity and our RHA are also working on a model of egress for older persons in Blarney and in Mallow General Hospital

I have attached the trolley GAR numbers and the single-room isolation beds as requested.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Kearney
Chief Executive Officer

Date	8am TrolleyGar Figure
01/07/2025	14
02/07/2025	14
03/07/2025	14
04/07/2025	10
05/07/2025	2
06/07/2025	5
07/07/2025	14
08/07/2025	20
09/07/2025	14
10/07/2025	23
11/07/2025	23
12/07/2025	9
13/07/2025	12
14/07/2025	27
15/07/2025	29
16/07/2025	19
17/07/2025	28
18/07/2025	13
19/07/2025	4
20/07/2025	5
21/07/2025	14
22/07/2025	32
23/07/2025	39
24/07/2025	22
25/07/2025	31
26/07/2025	2
27/07/2025	11
28/07/2025	34
29/07/2025	30
30/07/2025	23
31/07/2025	23
01/08/2025	26
02/08/2025	6
03/08/2025	6
04/08/2025	9
05/08/2025	11
06/08/2025	20
07/08/2025	26
08/08/2025	31
09/08/2025	3
10/08/2025	11
11/08/2025	26
12/08/2025	23
13/08/2025	22
14/08/2025	19
15/08/2025	22
16/08/2025	0

17/08/2025	0
18/08/2025	9
19/08/2025	13
20/08/2025	33
21/08/2025	14
22/08/2025	8
23/08/2025	1
24/08/2025	5
25/08/2025	13
26/08/2025	14
27/08/2025	25
28/08/2025	31
29/08/2025	46
30/08/2025	12
31/08/2025	20
01/09/2025	38
02/09/2025	33
03/09/2025	51
04/09/2025	31
05/09/2025	14
06/09/2025	4
07/09/2025	5
08/09/2025	13
09/09/2025	18
10/09/2025	14
11/09/2025	14
12/09/2025	3
13/09/2025	0
14/09/2025	6
15/09/2025	6
16/09/2025	13
17/09/2025	29
18/09/2025	22
19/09/2025	25
20/09/2025	7
21/09/2025	12
22/09/2025	24
23/09/2025	33
24/09/2025	36
25/09/2025	26
26/09/2025	11
27/09/2025	5
28/09/2025	6
29/09/2025	22
30/09/2025	19

Cork University Hospital Single Room Facilities (Grade 1-7).

Wards	Rooms	Ensuite (Toilet, Shower & Sink)	Staff Hand Hygiene Sink	Pressure Ventilation	Piped Oxygen	Suction	Anteroom	Monitored	TOTAL	Comments
1A	Rm 10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	5 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		4	0	0	5	0	0	0	9	
1B	Rm 10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
	5 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		5	0	0	5	0	0	0	10	
2A	Rm 10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
	4 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
2B	Rm 10	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	8
	5 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
		Rm 5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		5	1	0	5	0	0	0	11	
2D	Rm 1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
	10 single rooms	Rm 2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
		Rm 3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
		Rm 4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
		Rm 5	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
	Rm 6	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
	Rm 7	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
	Rm 8	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
	Rm 9	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
	Rm 10	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
		0	10	10	10	10	10	0	50	
3A	Rm 10	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
	2 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
3B		1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	5
	Rm 10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
	5 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
		Rm 5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
		Rm 3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Rm 1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		5	3	0	5	1	0	0	14	
4A	Rm 10	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
	5 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
		Rm 5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
		Rm 3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
		Rm 1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
		4	5	0	5	5	0	0	19	
4B	Rm 10	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
	5 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Rm 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
		4	1	0	5	0	0	0	10	
5B	Rm 5/1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
	8 Single Rooms	Rm 9/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
		Rm 11/3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
		Rm 23/4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
		Rm 22/5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
	Rm 20/6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
	Rm 12/7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
	Rm 8/8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	56	
Puffin	Rm 10	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
	5 single rooms	Rm 7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
		Rm 5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
		Rm 3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
		Rm 1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
		5	0	0	5	5	0	0	15	

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	Rm 26		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	Shared anteroom 24/25
	Rm 27		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	Pressure ventilaion
			10		10		6		10		10		6		0	52	
3D	Rm 37		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
9 single rooms	Rm 36		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
	Rm 35		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
	Rm 27		1		1		1		1		1		1		0	6	Shared anteroom 27/26
	Rm 26		1		1		1		1		1		1		0	6	Pressure ventilaion
	Rm 25		1		1		1		1		1		1		0	6	Shared anteroom 25/24
	Rm 24		1		1		1		1		1		1		0	6	Pressure ventilation
	Rm 6		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
	Rm 5		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
			9		9		4		9		9		4		0	44	
Step Down	Rm 12		1		1		0		1		1		0		1	5	
3 Single Rooms	Rm 11		1		1		0		1		1		0		1	5	
	Rm 5		1		1		0		1		1		0		1	5	
			3		3		0		3		3		0		3	15	
CCU	Rm 1/1		1		1		0		1		1		0		1	5	
8 Single Rooms	Rm 8/2		1		1		0		1		1		0		1	5	
	Rm 11/3		0		1		0		1		1		0		1	4	
	Rm 14/4		0		1		0		1		1		0		1	4	
	Rm 20/5		0		1		0		1		1		0		1	4	
	Rm 21/6		0		1		0		1		1		0		1	4	
	Rm 26/7		0		1		0		1		1		0		1	4	
	Rm 27/8		0		1		0		1		1		0		1	4	
			2		8		0		8		8		0		8	34	
Dialysis	Rm 14		1		1		1		1		1		1		1	7	
2 single rooms	Rm 13		1		1		1		1		1		1		1	7	
			2		2		2		2		2		2		2	14	
Seahorse	Rm 9		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
2 single rooms	Rm 10		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
6 specialist Rms	4 CF		1		1		0		1		1		0		0	4	
	2 Diabetes		0		1		0		1		1		0		0	3	
TOTAL																	

Legend; Isolation Star Rating

- 7

1

Dedicated Anteroom

2

Pressure Ventilation

3

Ensuite with toilet, hand basin, and shower

4

Staff Hand Hygiene Sink

5

Oxygen

6

Suctioning

7

Monitored
- 6

1

Dedicated/Shared Anteroom

2

Pressure Ventilation

3

Ensuite with toilet, hand basin, and shower

4

Staff Hand Hygiene Sink

5

Oxygen

6

Suctioning

- 5

1

Single Room without Anteroom

2

Ensuite with toilet, hand basin, and shower

3

Staff Hand Hygiene Sink

4

Oxygen

5

Suctioning
- 4

1

Single Room without Anteroom

2

Ensuite with toilet, hand basin, and shower

3

Staff Hand Hygiene Sink

4

Oxygen

- 3

1

Single Room

2

No ensuite or ensuite without sink, shower or both

3

No clinical sink in patients room

Other Facilities of Note

CCU	Procedure Room	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	Separate exit from room. Not set up as clinical	CRC
Seahorse	Procedure rooms (1.15-1.20, 1.22)	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	Potential clinical accomadation	Main Block