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To ask the Minister for Health the current in-patient bed capacity across Cork University Hospital, Mercy University Hospital, and Mallow General Hospital, as of September 2025; the way which this compares with her Department's population-based target; and the plans in place to expand capacity, including staff recruitment before winter 2025-2026.

Dear Deputy O'Flynn,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for the Minister for Health for response.

The **in-patient bed capacity** across Cork University Hospital, Mercy University Hospital and Mallow General Hospital are as follows;

Hospital	Open Acute Inpatient Beds as of Sept 2025
CUH	675
MUH	200
MGH	71

Data Source: National Hospital Bed Management System (validated)

Plans in place to expand capacity before Winter 2025/2026.

Hospital	Expanding Capacity
CUH	18 new and additional inpatient beds and 12 acute medical spaces in Blackwater Suite operational 2025. Total = 30. Further 21 new and additional inpatient beds at design stage of capital process. Not operational until 2027
MUH	9 new and additional inpatients beds operational, but additional inpatient beds footprints need refurbishment. Total = 9
MGH	24 new and additional inpatient beds at design stage of capital process. Not operational until 2027. Total = 0



Staff recruitment before winter 2025-2026.

HSE South West were allocated the following **2025 development** posts for CUH, Mallow General Hospital and Mercy University Hospital

- Cork University Hospital received 145.3 development posts, of which 108.80 are either onboarded or in advanced recruitment. The balance of 36.5 posts are being progressed through recruitment.
- Mallow General Hospital received 77.5 development posts which are currently being allocated in terms of WTE and recruitment.
- Mercy University Hospital received 44.83 development posts of which 8.5 are onboarded or are in advanced recruitment. The balance of 36.33 posts are being progressed through recruitment.

Kind Regards,

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