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Mr Michael Lowry T.D.  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 2723/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health if there will be level 2 palliative care support beds provided in the new 50 bed St. Anthony's Care of the elderly facility at Tipperary University Hospital; the number of level 2 palliative care support beds that will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 2724/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health if palliative care support beds planned for the new build St. Anthony's Care of the Elderly facility at Tipperary University Hospital will be constructed to level 2 palliative care support bed standard as recommended in the 2001 report published by the National Advisory Committee on Palliative Care, for example, level 2 palliative care bed will have adjoining family sleep and eat facilities to support each palliative care bedroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Lowry,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following composite reply is the current position.*

The replacement of St Anthony's Unit is a Public Private Partnership development. At the time of the tender process, the 50 bed unit was designated and designed to Long Stay Residential Unit specifications. As per these specifications, there are no requirements for family eating and sleeping facilities.

However, as service demands change there is a requirement to ensure that Level 2 Palliative Care Beds will be provided within the configuration of St Anthony's 50 bed unit. I can confirm a minimum of 2 Palliative Care Beds, at Level 2, will be part of the configuration of the new Unit. A full analysis of 'service demand need' will be required to confirm the exact bed allocation across Long Stay Beds and Palliative Care Beds.

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

Yours sincerely,

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