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To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of palliative care beds in County Tipperary; if palliative care services in the county are being expanded in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lowry,

The Minister has requested the HSE to respond directly to you on this matter.

The development of palliative care services in Ireland is determined by national policy, the HSE's *Palliative Care Development Framework*, the *Palliative Care Model of Care* and the *Slaintecare Action Plan*. This development includes the location of and quantity of specialist palliative care beds in hospices/palliative care inpatient units (IPUs).

As well as Hospice/IPU beds the population also has access to Palliative Care Support Beds located in nursing homes or community units. Patients can be admitted to these beds for respite care, symptom control or for end-of-life care.

The population of County Tipperary is served by two Community Health Organisations – people living in the north of the county are served by CHO Midwest and those living in the south of the county are served by the CHO Southeast.

Please find the information as requested in the table below.

	CHO Midwest		CHO Southeast	
	Location	No. of beds	Location	No. of beds
IPU Beds	Milford Care Centre, Limerick	30	Southeast Palliative Care Centre, University Hospital Waterford	20 To open in Summer 2021
Support Beds	Roscrea	2	Cahir	2
	Thurles	2	Tipperary Town	1

I trust this answers your question but please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Regards,

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