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Ref: PQ ref 48484/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in MacBride Community Nursing Unit, Westport, Co. Mayo (current number of beds open, registered number of beds and reason for unoccupied beds based on 0.85 wte staffing levels), and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ring

I refer to PQ ref 48484/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 9th November, 2023 due for response on the 20th November, 2023 regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health regarding the number and break down of beds in MacBride Nursing Unit (CNU), Westport in County Mayo. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following table outlines the current position.

Number of beds open	Registered number of beds	Reason for unoccupied beds based on 0.85 wte staffing levels
20 (19 residents – 1 unoccupied bed)	29	Everyone on the waiting list has been accepted, (unoccupied bed declared). The unit is currently only staffed for 20 beds.

I trust this response has clarified the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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