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Patricia Ryan TD, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 XR20.

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Re: PQ 52624/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult mental health beds in CHO7; the location of each; and the number that are currently available for patients.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

I refer to the above parliamentary question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has asked that the HSE respond directly to you. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Lakeview Unit, Naas General Hospital currently have 29 Adult In-patient beds. As of today, all 29 of these beds are currently occupied.

There are 52 beds in the Approved Centre in Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin 24.

- Rowan ward 23 bedded male ward.
- Cedar ward 23 bedded female ward.
- Aspen ward 6 bedded high observation ward.

There are 47 beds in the Jonathan Swift Clinic in St James Hospital Dublin 8.

- Beckett ward 16 bedded ward which is closed at present. The temporary reduction of 16 beds is not related to any funding difficulties, but to the challenges in hiring and retaining the nursing staff required to operate these units at full capacity, while maintaining the necessary standards of care and safety for all patients.
- Fownes Ward 22 bedded mixed ward.
- Connolly Norman Ward (for people in later life) is a 9 bedded ward.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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