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Deputy Brian Stanley,
Dail Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ ref 15191/24 – Beds in Abbeyleix Hospital Designated for Portlaoise Hospital Transitional Care

Dear Deputy Stanley,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

The current bed status in Abbeyleix Community Nursing Unit is one (1) long term care bed currently occupied. Six (6) community older persons respite care beds are all currently occupied. There are three (3) step-down/convalescent beds designated for Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise (MRHP) patients only. These three (3) beds are fully occupied on a regular basis.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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