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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd T.D.,  
Dail Éireann,  
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**Re: PQ ref 15279/24 - Immediately interject to ensure that all remaining beds at the new wing within a nursing home (details supplied) are immediately released for use, considering the pressure in the area and the significant public investment that was put into delivering the units which now lie semi-vacant due to the embargo; and if he will provide absolute clarity on this issue.**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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

A new modern 30 bed dementia specific community nursing unit has been built on the grounds of the existing site of St Mary's CNU (30 beds) replacing the old Boyne View House (21 beds) in Drogheda now called The Village Residence.

There are currently sixty beds within The Village Residence. A total of fifty beds are currently open. There are an additional nine (9) long stay beds and one (1) short stay bed due to open and it is proposed that these beds will be open by the end Q2 2024.

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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