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Deputy Francis Noel Duffy TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ Ref 24861/24

Dear Deputy Duffy

To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to increase bed capacity at Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin considering the statement made by the CEO of Dublin Midlands Regional Hospital Group that the hospital is in urgent need of extra bed capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

I write to you in response to the above PQ request. Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) welcomes the recent announcement by Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly TD for 196 additional beds for Tallaght University Hospital. The Hospital has been working closely with the HSE on developing bed capacity with the proposed development being all single patients' rooms.

The Hospital has been operating over capacity for many years. Demographic change has intensified the bed capacity gap, with increased inpatient demand coming from both an older and more complex patient cohorts. Staff in the Hospital are delighted with this announcement, which will future proof the Hospital and the care we can provide to our patients for years to come.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

MR JOHN KELLY
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE