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Deputy Duncan Smith,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

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**To ask the Minister for Health the actions his Department is taking to tackle the lack of beds at Letterkenny University Hospital; to provide, in tabular form, the number of patients who were unable to access a bed from January 2024 to June 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith**

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The average daily trolley count for Letterkenny University Hospital from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was 11. This was a 16% reduction on the same period in 2023.

Additional 16 beds commissioned in June 2021 and a further 23 beds commission from June 2022. The Minister for Health recently approved an additional 72 beds to be commissioned between 2026 and 2031.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



**Seán Murphy**  
**General Manager**  
**Letterkenny General Hospital**