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Mr. Michael Lowry, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ Ref 11227/24

To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for a unit for Older Persons in Clonmel following the transfer of residents to a new residential care services unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ Ref 11228/24

To ask the Minister of Health if there are any specific factors that would restrict the allocation of palliative care support beds to an existing unit once the current residents have been transferred to the new residential care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ Ref 11229/24

To ask the Minister for Health if he will request HSE Estates to supply a copy of the report in relation to the status of the roof in a care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

[Details supplied St. Anthony's Unit, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary]

Dear Deputy Lowry,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following Composite Response is the current position.

A new 50 bedded Community Nursing Unit, (CNU) is currently under construction in Clonmel and is part of the Public Private Partnership Capital programme across Ireland. It is expected that the Clonmel CNU project build will be completed by Q4 2024 and opening to residents in Q1 2025. The new Clonmel CNU will deliver an uplift of 32 long stay beds to the area which will incorporate the 18 long stay beds currently delivered in the adjacent building known as 'St Anthony's CNU'.

To confirm 'St Anthony's CNU', delivers 18 beds, 17 beds are allocated to Long Stay residential through the Fair Deal Scheme and one bed is profiled as 'Level 2 Palliative Care'. Since the submission of the Parliamentary Question, Older Persons Services and Estates in South East Community Healthcare Area, (SECH) confirm that on the transfer of residents from St Anthony's to the new Clonmel CNU, the full building of St Anthony's CNU will revert to the SECH Estates Portfolio. The future of St Anthony's will then fall under the remit of SECH Estates and any future service provision and or configuration will consider all competing demands across the HSE Services. This is the single factor which restricts the allocation of palliative care support beds to the St Anthony's building at this time.



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SECH Estates will shortly proceed to complete a due diligence regarding the, to be, vacated St. Anthony's building to determine its future use in consideration of all competing demands across SECH Community Services.

I trust this is of assistance but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen McDaid', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Helen McDaid
Head of Service Older Persons
South East Community Healthcare