

20th May 2024

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Ref: PQ ref 19547/24

To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of all respite beds in County Galway; the locations of same; the number of same that are currently operational and currently closed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connolly


I refer to PQ ref 19547/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 26th April, 2024, due for response on the 14th May, 2024 regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health regarding a breakdown of all respite beds in County Galway; the locations of same; the number of same that are currently operational and currently closed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE have been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following outlines the current position.

I am pleased to inform you that five beds re-opened today 20th May, in Clifden District Hospital with an additional two opening in the next few weeks which can be used for either respite or step down/convalescence depending on demand which brings the total number of beds available to County Galway to twenty. Please be assured of our best efforts at all times to source adequate staffing to facilitate the re-opening of these beds.

Merlin Park CNU	10 – three respite beds temporarily closed due to staff shortages
Ballinasloe CNU	1
St. Brendan's CNU	2
Clifden District Hospital	5 opened with an additional 2 opening shortly
Total	20

I trust this response addresses any issues you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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