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Deputy Duncan Smith
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 19645/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of palliative care beds in County Westmeath; and if palliative care services will be further improved during the remainder of 2024

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

The Specialist Palliative Care Service in Co. Westmeath has access to palliative care support beds in Athlone (three) and St. Camillus's Nursing Centre, Killucan (two). There are also two palliative care beds in the Regional Hospital Mullingar (Ciúin Suite)

While there will be no additional Specialist Palliative Care Services in 2024, we are continuing to introduce Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration in the community team and await a decision on the Midlands In-Patient Unit.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Grainne McGill'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grainne McGill
A/Head of Primary Care Services
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