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**Ref: PQ ref 21724/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health when an additional second respite bed will be provided at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar, Co. Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ring

I refer to PQ ref 21724/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 due for response on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health regarding the provision of an additional second respite bed in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar. The following response outlines the current position.

I wish to advise that there has been an increase to a total of fourteen respite beds in County Mayo. Community Healthcare West will review the possibility of an additional second respite bed with management in the Sacred Heart Hospital on the basis of need and on within the context of available resources.

I trust this response has clarified the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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