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To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has considered adding extra acute beds to Nenagh General Hospital. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

The Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly TD recently announced an additional 382 beds for the HSE Mid West region under the new Acute Hospital Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan 2024-2034. Of these, 24 beds have been allocated to Nenagh Hospital.

The beds will be delivered in three phases across University Hospital Limerick (UHL), Ennis Hospital, Nenagh Hospital, and St John's Hospital. Crucially, this will bring us from 1.7 to 2.7 beds per 1,000 population and in line with the national average of 2.6 beds per 1,000 population by 2031.

The plan for the Mid West region includes:

- 24 new beds for Nenagh Hospital
- 268 new beds for UHL
- 48 new beds for Ennis Hospital
- 42 new beds for St John's Hospital

Please note, the new beds referenced above include the two 96 blocks and 16 bed block already under construction or committed to at UHL.

The Acute Hospital Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/dd63d-acute-hospital-inpatient-bed-capacity-expansion-plan-2024-2031/>

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.



Working together, caring for you

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Yours sincerely,

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