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Deputy Fergus O' Dowd T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 24479/24 - Additional Funding Nine Beds & Staffing Support St. Mary's Drogheda

Dear Deputy O' Dowd

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

A new modern 30 bed Dementia Specific Community Nursing Unit has been built on the grounds of the existing site of St Mary's CNU (30 beds) and Boyne View House (21 beds) in Drogheda now called The Village Residence. On the 27th November 2023 the residents in the old Boyne View House transferred to the new Village Residence.

There are now a total of 60 beds in the Village Residence which is an increase in nine (9) additional beds. There were a total of 21 beds in the old Boyne View House broken down as 18 Long Term Care beds and three (3) Respite Care beds.

A business case has been submitted to national HSE for additional funding and approval to open the nine (9) new development beds which are now open on a phased basis from 4th June 2024.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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