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19th November 2024

**PQ 45892/24 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the number of critical care beds provided by hospital for the years 2011 to 2024; the number proposed; the delivery date of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Brophy,

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 wish to advise you that the information you are seeking for the period from 2011 to 2020 is not available as critical care beds were not reported as a separate category from acute beds.

However, as you may be aware, the Critical Care Strategic Plan was adopted by the Government in 2020 and its aim is to increase adult critical care capacity in two Phases. Phase 1 encompassed the provision of additional adult critical care capacity within existing hospital hub sites while Phase 2 focused on substantial new build capacity across 5 identified hospital sites; Beaumont, SVUH, SJH, MMUH and CUH. All of the Phases are aligned with the Model of Care and focused on the provision of additional required capacity in hub sites.

Under the HSE service plans from 2021 to date, the government has invested more than €80m in the delivery of additional adult critical care capacity as part of Phase 1. To date, 82 additional adult critical care beds have been delivered under Phase 1. By year end 2024, there are a further 4 critical care beds profiled for delivery with an expected end of year funded capacity at 342.

Phase 2 of the Strategic Plan commits to the development of new build capacity in the prioritised sites at Beaumont Hospital, the Mater Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital, Cork University Hospital and St James's Hospital will provide 106 additional critical care beds as well as replacing existing sub-standard critical care accommodation.

Due to the complexities of delivering complex new build capacity on busy operational hospital sites, enabling and site preparation works will be required. Pending completion of detailed business cases, any timelines for delivery of Phase 2 are tentative only but a core principle in progressing through the Public Spending Code requirements is to maximise opportunities for paralleling processes to optimise delivery as quickly as possible.

Appendix 1 details the Additional Critical Care beds delivered from 2020 to end September 2024 under Phase 1 as well as Additional Critical Care beds planned for 2024 and 2025 under Phase 1. Details and estimated timelines for Phase 2 is also included.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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## Appendix 1 – Funded Adult Critical Care Beds under Critical Care Strategic Plan

Funded Adult Critical Care Beds under Critical Care Strategic Plan as at 1st November 2024																					
Hospital Group/Hospital	Phase 1 2020-2021		Phase 1 2022		Phase 1 2023		Phase 1 2024					Phase 1 2025				Estimated delivery of Phase 2 - 2026-29					
	Beds March 2020	Phase 1 Beds opened 2020-21	Phase 1 Beds Opened 2022	Total Beds end 2022	Phase 1/1+ Opened 2023	Total Beds end 2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Phase 1/1+ Opened 2024	Phase 1/1+ Remaining 2024	Total Beds end 2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total Beds end 2025	Total Beds End Phase 1/1+	Planned Phase 2 Beds	Total
<b>RCSI Hospital Group</b>																					
Cavan Hospital	4	1		5	0	5							5					5	5		5
Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda	8			8	0	8												8	8		8
Beaumont Hospital	25	2		27	0	27							27					27	27	22	49
Connolly Hospital	4	2		6	0	6							6					6	6		6
<b>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</b>																					
Naas General Hospital	4			4	0	4							4					4	4		4
MRH Portlaoise	2			2	0	2							2					2	2		2
MRH Tullamore	4	2		6	0	6			1		1	0	7					7	7		7
Tallaght University Hospital	14		12	26	0	26							26					26	26		26
St James's Hospital	31	4	1	36	0	36	1	2		3	0	39						39	39	19	58
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>																					
MMUH	32	3	6	41	0	41	2*	2*	2*	4	2	47	1	1	2			51	51	12	63
MRH Mullingar	6			6	0	6						6						6	6		6
Navan Hospital	2			2	0	2						2						2	2		2
St Vincents University Hospital	16	2	1	19	2	21					0	21		6				27	27	19	46
St Luke's Kilkenny Hospital	4			4	0	4						4						4	4		4
Wexford General Hospital	5			5	0	5						5						5	5		5
<b>South-South West</b>																					
Sth Tipperary General Hospital	4	1		5	0	5						5						5	5		5
University Hospital Waterford	9	2		11	0	11						11						11	11		11
Cork University Hospital	19	3	3	25	3	28	2			2	0	30						30	30	34	64
Mercy University Hospital	5	1		6	0	6						6						6	6		6
Kerry University Hospital	5	1		6	0	6						6						6	6		6
<b>Saolta Hospital Group</b>																					
Letterkenny University Hospital	5	1		6	0	6						6						6	6		6
Portluncula University Hospital	6			6	0	6						6						6	6		6
Mayo University Hospital	3			3	0	3						3						3	3		3
Sligo University Hospital	5	1		6	1	7	1			1	0	8						8	8		8
Galway University Hospital	18	6		24	0	24						24						24	24		24
<b>UL Hospital Group</b>																					
University Hospital Limerick	18	10		28		28						28						28	28		28
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>458</b>	

Funded Capacity - 1st November 2024

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