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Deputy Martin Brown TD
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Re: PQ 39119/24

To ask the Minister for Health his views on long-stay beds at the Dean Maxwell Unit in Roscrea; if long-stay beds at the unit will remain in place indefinitely or if they will remain in place as long as the community nursing unit in Nenagh is being used for UHL patients' step-down purposes; to outline staff arrangements for the facility in light of the new arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Unit Roscrea.

Dear Deputy Browne

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 the following outlines the position.

Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Unit is a 27 bedded Older Person Facility with 20 Longstay Residential Care Beds funded under the Nursing Home Support Service and 7 Respite and Palliative Care Beds. Dean Maxwell CNU is fully operational delivering this service.

The long-term plan is that Dean Maxwell CNU will eventually provide day care, short stay and respite care services, and the long stay beds will transfer to the new Community Nursing Unit in Nenagh. Currently the new Nenagh CNU is being used as a sub-acute and rehabilitation unit for UHL. While this arrangement is in place, subject to HIQA approval, current levels of service provision will be maintained for Older Persons in Roscrea and long-term residential care, and Respite and Palliative Care accommodation will continue to be provided from Dean Maxwell CNU.

Dean Maxwell CNU service delivery remains unchanged and therefore the staffing levels to provide care at Dean Maxwell CNU remains unchanged. A recruitment process has commenced to address nursing and non-nursing vacancies that have arisen within the existing staff complement.

I trust this clarifies the situation, but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aisling Ryan", written in a cursive style.

Aisling Ryan
Head of Service, Older Persons Services