



Deputy Niamh Smyth
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

14th November 2024

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ Number: 43632/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanently funded community beds in the health system in each year from 2016 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niamh Smyth

*I note the Parliamentary Question references the term **permanently funded**, therefore we have referenced facilities that are publicly managed or come under Section 38 criteria. Please advise if this is not what is meant in your PQ as permanently funded.*

Table 1

Total Bed Stock for Community Nursing Units and S38's Older Persons Services								
Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	Sept 2024
7,136	7,348	7,309	7,191	7,139	7,087	6,557	6,387	6,539

Please see Table 1 above titled Total Bed Stock for Community Nursing Units and S38's for Older Persons Services from December 2016 to September 2024 (latest validated Bed Register Data).

This data includes both long and short stay beds in publicly managed CNU's and S38's for the Older Person.

Yours sincerely,

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