



Deputy Cian O'Callaghan,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

14th Feb 2025

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Minister for Health has requested the HSE Access & Integration Services for Older People to respond directly to your Parliamentary Question:

PQ: 1921/25

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nursing home beds in the State in each of the years since 2020, broken down by HSE-provided and HSE-funded under Section 38 and 39 of the Health Act 2004 and privately provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

In response to your above PQ request please see tables below which provides data for the total number of nursing home beds in the State in each of the years since 2020, broken down by HSE-provided and HSE-funded under Section 38 and 39 of the Health Act 2004

Many facilities have been impacted by SI293 Regulations mainly attributed to the age of some of these units. The Capital Investment Programme was introduced for the purpose of supporting regulation compliance and has resulted in planned closures during periods of structural improvement, hence fluctuations in bed stock numbers.

Services for the Older Person: *Bed Stock (Long and Short Stay Beds) in publicly managed and Section 38 Older Persons Residential Care Facilities 2020 – 2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Bed Stock	7139	7087	6541	6387	6526

Section 39 (Long and Short Stay Beds) in Residential Care Facilities for Older Persons 2022 – 2024

Year	2022	2023	2024
Total Bed Stock	96	99	106



HIQA is responsible for the registration of nursing homes in Ireland and this is where you will find the information you request in relation to privately provided beds. Their report [15 Years of Regulating Nursing Homes](#) includes figures for registered beds private nursing homes for the period you require.

I trust this information is of assistance to you

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Whelan".

**Assistant National Director,
Services for Older people
Access & Integration**