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**Deputy John Cummins TD,
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Dear Deputy Cummins,

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 1977/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in each county, for the years 2020 to 2024 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Within Residential Care Facilities for the Older Person short stay beds are categorised under a number of headings including Respite beds.

Designated short stay beds for respite purposes may be interchangeable depending on service needs and can be categorised as follows:

- Respite Beds
- Dementia Specific Respite Beds
- Convalescent Beds

The table below outlines the number of beds designated for respite/convalescent care in public nursing units as at December of each year 2020 to 2024.



Respite beds in publicly managed and Section 38 Residential Care Facilities for Older Persons by LHO for each year 2020 to 2024

LHO	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Carlow / Kilkenny	34	34	32	26	26
Cavan / Monaghan	17	16	16	16	16
Clare	5	7	7	8	13
Donegal	24	53	46	52	41
Dublin North	2	8	5	5	5
Dublin North Central	2	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	2	2	2	2	2
Dublin South City	1	2	3	3	4
Dublin South East / Wicklow	4	22	5	11	9
Dublin South West	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	0	8	0	0	0
Galway	10	23	50	45	43
Kerry	70	73	53	43	39
Kildare West Wicklow	2	5	4	4	8
Laois / Offaly	8	20	16	17	16
Limerick	9	15	8	7	3
Longford / Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	5	5	5	7
Mayo	80	79	36	50	87
Meath	0	2	2	2	2
North Cork	3	0	16	9	9
North Lee	0	7	5	7	8
Roscommon	0	2	2	2	5
Sligo / Leitrim	26	26	22	10	9
South Lee	6	2	21	22	22
South Tipperary	25	25	24	24	24



Tipperary / East Limerick	6	4	14	16	13
Waterford	11	11	11	11	10
West Cork	11	7	18	20	20
Wexford	26	23	30	32	32
Wicklow	0	19	14	19	18
Grand Total	384	500	467	468	491

It is important to note that these figures relate to publicly managed older persons residential units only and do not take into account respite beds sourced through contractual arrangement with voluntary and private providers.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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