



**Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive**

**Mr. Colm Murphy,  
Meetings Administrator,  
Corporate Services Department,  
South Dublin County Council,  
County Hall,  
Tallaght,  
Dublin 24.**

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Your Ref: M19S/0517**

**Dear Mr. Murphy,**

The Acute Hospitals Division is currently developing Estimates and Service Planning for 2018. As part of this process the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group are in discussions with Tallaght Hospital. The group is committed to supporting and further developing the capacity of hospitals to provide safe, sustainable and high quality healthcare.

While increasing the number of beds is clearly an important factor in healthcare, the understanding and focus has shifted to a more holistic approach which aim's to put the patient or service user in the right place in the system where his/her needs will be best met.

The delivery of healthcare continues to change and reform and the National Clinical programmes have enabled an evidence based approach to system reform. In line with these programmes, the HSE is continually enhancing and improving day services and developments which facilitate hospital admission avoidance for example the use of Community Intervention Teams, the Outpatient Parental Antimicrobial Therapy Programme and the opening of Medical Assessment Units in hospitals.

In addition, Day Surgery rates have increased leading to many more procedures being carried out as a day case procedure. The National Day of Surgery Admission (DOSA) rates have increased further demonstrating a more efficient use of beds.

The HSE, in developing its Capital Plan, considers all Capital Projects and the Capital Funding made available on an annual basis. In 2017 a provision of €439m was set out in the National Service Plan comprising €384m for building, equipping, and furnishing of health facilities and €55m for ICT.

The HSE is committed to continuously improving and developing its infrastructure and health facilities responsive to patient need across the range of services delivered in multiple care settings.

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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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