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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking how is the Welsh Government working to bolster the number of beds available in hospitals in Wales?

The Welsh Government's '*A Healthier Wales*' strategy describes our intent to shift resources from acute hospitals to the community to enable more people to safely access the care they need without hospital admission.

We are supporting Health Boards and partners to achieve this strategic intent through a range of national programmes and additional funding.

Health Boards are responsible for determining the level of acute hospital bed capacity required for their local populations, and to plan sufficient capacity to meet local need predicated on fluctuations in demand throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

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