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****To ask the Minister for Health and Children the position regarding the new St. Christopher's Ward for Cystic Fibrosis patients at St. Vincent's Hospital and the approximate cost of these 8 new en-suite rooms.***

Dear Deputy McGrath,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

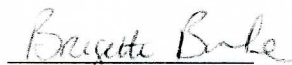
St. Vincent's University Hospital was designated by the Minister in 2006 as the National Adult Referral Centre for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and currently treats over 50% of the adult population of people with CF.

The new ward in St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Christopher's, for use by people with CF, opened in August this year. This comprises eight single en-suite rooms.

The overall total capital cost is approximately €1.75m (incl. VAT, excl. equipping costs).

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely



PP
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