

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14th JULY 2015**

**Question**

Will the Minister outline what unit closures and reduction in bed space there have been in the past 4 years in Special Needs, Elderly Care and Adult Mental Health Services?

If there have been closures or reductions in bed space, what replacements, if any, have been made and what is the net loss or gain?

**Answer**

Over the last 4 years, the following developments have taken place:

**Special needs**

HSSD Special Needs Service has developed and implemented its Community Living Strategy to enable adults with moderate to severe learning disabilities the opportunity to move from institutional models of care – originally St Saviour’s Hospital and then group home settings in the community – to bespoke fit for purpose homes for life, based on personalised care and support.

Reflecting these moves, there has been a reduction of 6 beds directly provided within the HSSD Adult Service Residential Service:

- 4 people moved to be supported by Les Amis, as a better option for their long-term care and support
- 2 people passed away.

HSSD now supports in the community 29 adults with moderate to severe learning disabilities and/or on the autistic spectrum, with additional complex needs.

**Elderly care**

**1. Mental health**

There has been a reduction of 28 beds directly provided by HSSD Older Adult Mental Health Services as set out in the table below. The service now provides 67 beds for functional and organic mental health assessment and treatment.

Ward name	Service area	Original bed numbers	New bed numbers	Comments
<b>Lavender</b>	Older Adult	10 beds	<b>0</b>	Contracted out to Lakeside
<b>Beech</b>	Older Adult (dementia)	17 beds - 14 assessment - 3 respite	<b>11 beds (assessment)</b>	Refurbishment has created single room occupancy Respite beds are commissioned with 3 <sup>rd</sup> party provider
<b>Cedar</b>	Older Adult (functional)	16 beds -15 assessment - 1 respite	<b>14 beds (assessment)</b>	As above
<b>Oak</b>	Older Adult (end stage dementia)	26 beds	<b>24 beds</b>	Reduced occupancy in moving from 4-bed rooms to 3 bed, and from 2-bed rooms to 1 bed
<b>Maple</b>	Older Adult (moderate to severe dementia)	26 beds	<b>18 beds</b>	Reduced occupancy as above

## 2. Nursing care

There has been a reduction of 7 beds directly provided by HSSD Older Adult Residential & Nursing Care Services:

- Sandybrook provides 26 beds – no change
- The Limes has reduced from 33 beds to 26 beds to:
  - o manage safe care within the current staffing levels
  - o reduce risk associated with lower level (as in ground floor) accommodation in compliance with fire regulations.

Presently, HSSD Older Adult Residential & Nursing Care Services provides 52 beds.

In line with the recommendations in the HSSD White Paper, ‘Caring for each other, caring for ourselves’, HSSD commissioners continue to work in partnership with private, community and voluntary providers in developing strategy to stimulate the market. New developments, such as Lakeside and expansion at Silver Springs and St Ewolds, help to increase choice across the market, reducing reliance upon direct States provision.

### Adult mental health services

The number of beds available in Adult Mental Health Services over the last four years is unchanged.

Orchard House continues to provide 17 in-patient functional mental health assessment and treatment beds.

Clairevale continues to provide 10 beds. Its role has recently been enhanced, becoming a pre- and post-admission unit to reduce the need for individuals to be admitted to an acute mental health unit. This is intended to improve the patient experience, particularly for voluntary patients.