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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 6 December requesting the number of elderly and care beds lost from hospitals in recent years on behalf of the Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P-05-896 concerning ward 35 at Prince Charles Hospital.

The number of specialty beds within NHS Wales are reported in the following StatsWales release:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Hospital-Activity/NHS-Beds/nhsbeds-by-specialty>

Unfortunately the number of beds available for the elderly and for those with dementia is a complex question, as elderly patients may be legitimately cared for in specialty beds other than Geriatric Medicine, such as General Medicine. Further, it is not possible to distinguish those beds specific to dementia as dementia is often a secondary factor in a patient's admission to a hospital bed.

I hope you find this information useful

Yours sincerely,

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