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**PQ Number: 23582/19**

**Dear Deputy Healy Rae,**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

**PQ Question:** To ask the Minister for Health if a CT scanner will be provided and more radiographers hired for University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Michael Healy Rae

In 2016, under the National Equipment Replacement Programme, University Hospital Kerry (UHK) replaced its old (2006) 6-slice segment CT with a Toshiba 164-slice CT. UHK retained the old machine to provide cover for downtime/servicing of the new machine.

Demand for CT continues to outstrip capacity and there is currently an approx. 3-4 month wait for urgent out-patient CT and a 6 month wait for non-urgent out-patient CT. This figure is comparable with the national benchmark. It is also anticipated that these wait times will improve when a new replacement CT Fluoroscopy machine comes back into operation in mid –August.

Following a recent UHK Radiology Look Back Review, recommendation No. 6 of the report identified that the SSWHG commission an external review of the management of the Radiology Department in UHK. When this commences it is expected that issues such as staff levels, skill mix, demand v capacity v resources and infrastructural needs will be considered and appropriate recommendations for action identified.

**Yours sincerely,**

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