



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 27156/19 * *To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI scanners in each public voluntary hospital; the year in which each scanner entered service in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I am advised by HSE estates that MRI scanners located in the HSE funded acute hospitals are provided in the following ways:-

- Capital funded: - where the HSE funds the purchase and installation of the MRI scanner.
- Contractual: - where the hospital engages in a contract agreement with an MRI service provider to provide an MRI scanning service for their hospital, resulting in the service provider installing an MRI on the specific HSE site for an agreed period.

The attached **Table 1** and **Figure 1** provide the details of HSE capital funded MRI scanners only (26 MRI Scanners). **Table 2** provides the details of the contracted MRI scanners only (4 x MRI Scanners) of which HSE Estates are aware. These scanners are under the control of individual hospitals.

I am advised that since Sept 2015, South Tipperary General Hospital has had a managed MRI service on site which includes the provision of radiographers to operate the machine.

I am advised that this data is collected periodically and is the most recent available data.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

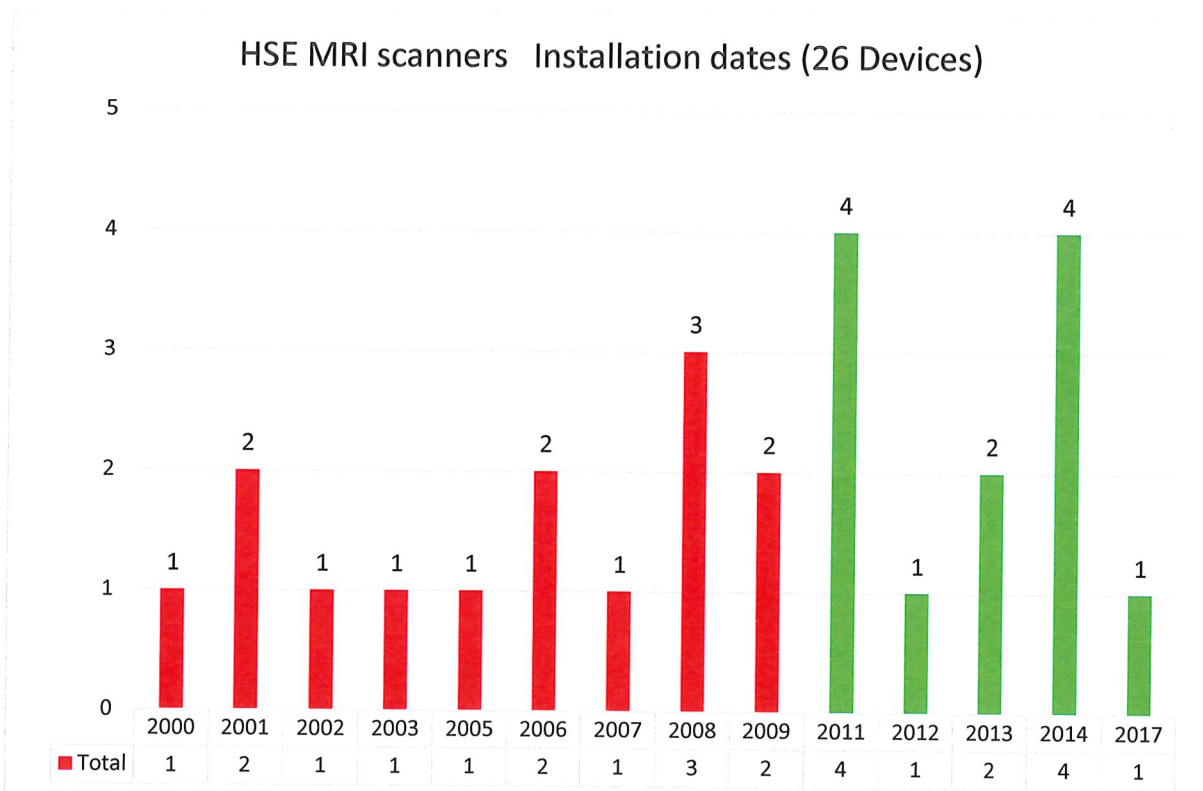
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Table 1. HSE funded MRI scanners located in HSE and Voluntary Hospital incl year of installation

| Hospital | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2017 | Grand Total |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Beaumont | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Cappagh | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| Cavan | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Cork University | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Letterkenny | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Mater | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Mayo General | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| MRH Tullamore | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Naas | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Our Lady's Crumlin | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Sligo General | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| St James | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | 3 |
| St Vincents | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Tallaght | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Temple St | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| UCH Galway | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| UH Limerick | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| UH Waterford | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 26 |

Source: Prepared by HBS Estates (4th July 2019)

Fig 1 MRI scanners age profile



Source: Prepared by HBS Estates (4th July 2019)

Table 2 **Managed Service MRI scanners contracted by HSE hospital sites**

| Hospital | 2005 | 2006 | 2016 | TBA | Grand Total |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| KUH | | | 1 | | 1 |
| MRH Tullamore | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Wexford General | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

Source: Prepared by HBS Estates (4th July 2019)

Note: The MRI scanners under contract at MRH Tullamore, is currently being replaced with a HSE funded MRI.