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PQ 11682/19 To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for MRI scans in Galway University Hospital by category of urgency; the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the waiting time for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the representation referenced above, the following outlines the situation;

Please see attached current waiting list for MRI scans in GUH.

TIME FRAME	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5 TO P11	TOTAL
0 TO 3	0	30	461	210	145	846
3 TO 6	0	0	466	200	98	764
6 TO 9	0	0	100	22	59	181
9 TO 12	0	0	6	7	20	33
12 TO 15	0	0	0	0	7	7
15 TO 18	0	0	0	0	5	5
18 +	0	0	0	0	3	3
TOTAL	0	30	1033	439	337	1839

I wish to advise that we are running additional lists at weekends, both Saturdays & Sundays and this has significantly reduced the numbers waiting and the length of time.

We have a Service Level Agreement with an external institution and we outsource over 100 scans to this unit per month. This gives us scope to ensure our P.1s are scanned within an acceptable timeframe.

Under Winter Plan we also outsourced via the National Treatment Purchase Fund.

In addition, we are currently in the process of putting a tender process in place to install a relocatable MRI scanner on site to help manage with the waiting list.

I trust this clarifies the matter,

Yours sincerely

Chris Kane
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