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**PQ20286/19: To ask the Minister for Health the location to which patients from County Sligo are referred for positron emission tomography scans; the reason those requiring PET scans are not referred to County Galway**

Dear Deputy Scanlon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Public Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

**Response:**

Patients from Sligo University Hospital for PET scans are referred to Blackrock Clinic in Dublin. No publically funded PET scanners are available in Galway, therefore referrals from Sligo University Hospital are sent to Dublin based on the best value for money to the taxpayer.

I trust that this addresses your query but feel free to contact my office if you require any further information.

**Yours sincerely,**



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**Domhnall McLoughlin**  
**Assistant General Manager**

***Mission Statement***

*Sligo University Hospital is committed to the delivery of a high quality, patient centred service in a safe, equitable and efficient manner.  
We recognise and value the contribution of each staff member and endeavour to support them in their ongoing development.*