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**PQ 47247/19 \* To ask the Minister for Health when the necessary resources will be made available to carry out work to accommodate the MRI scanner for Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar (detail supplied) - Robert Troy**

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**PQ 48818/19 To ask the Minister for Health when the second MRI scanner at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar will be operational; and when necessary works to accommodate the scanner will be completed (details supplied) - Robert Troy.**

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Dear Deputy Troy,

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

I wish to acknowledge the funding raised by the local community which will make a significant contribution to purchase the MRI scanner.

The provision of a new MRI at Mullingar Regional Hospital is included in the proposed new extension of the radiology department at the hospital. A design team has been engaged and planning permission has been granted for the proposed extension to the radiology department. The development requires the demolition of an existing building on the site of Mullingar Regional Hospital. This building currently accommodates ambulance staff. Options to accommodate the ambulance staff on a temporary basis to enable the MRI project to progress are being explored.

Funding for the proposed extension to the radiology department including the accommodation for the MRI scanner has been provided in the draft Capital Plan for 2020. The Capital Plan for 2020 is currently being finalised and will be submitted to the Minister for Health for his consideration and approval.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Estates