

30th November 2020

Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 36265/20

To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time regarding gynaecological services for a woman in need of an ultrasound scan in St. James's Hospital, the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital and Tallaght Hospital

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh

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.

Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital:

Routine appointments within six weeks and urgent generally within one week.

Tallaght University Hospital:

Patients normally received an appointment within 2-4 weeks, there have been some delays recently due to a vacancy which has been filled, therefore the current wait time for urgent referrals has increased to 6-8 weeks

Non-urgent referrals: wait time has increased from 8 weeks to 10-12 weeks.

St James's Hospital:

Currently, the average wait times for gynaecological ultrasounds at St James's Hospital are:

Two to three weeks where the patient referral letter has been triaged by the consultant as urgent
Five to six months where the patient referral letter has been triaged by the consultant as routine.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Trevor O' Callaghan
Chief Executive Officer

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