



30/09/2020

Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 21329/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the annual spend on community diagnostics; the level and range of community diagnostics available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Primary Care is rolling out a preferred model for radiology delivery i.e. an integrated community/ hospital model. To date, the preferred model is in operation in Castlebar, Tallaght & Athlone. All of these sites are providing chest & plain film x-ray and ultrasound. Plans to roll it out at other sites are underway for Tuam, Carlow, Kilkenny, Cork, Bray & Monaghan.

In areas where the preferred model is not available, GPs can refer their GMS/GP Visit Card patients directly to Private Provider(s) for ultrasounds. The table below summarises the available community diagnostic services, providing 50,000 ultrasounds and 40,000 x-rays per annum at a cost of €6,146,502.

Plans to extend GP access to a wider range of diagnostics, including MRI, CT, DEXA, Spirometry and ECHO are being prioritised under the Winter Plan.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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CHO	Site	Type of Initiative	X-Ray	Ultrasound	DEXA	Recurrent Funding
1	Letterkenny Affidea Site	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
	Dungloe	Public - Community X-Ray	Y	N	N	€147,261
	Killybegs	Public - Community X-Ray	Y	N	N	
	Ballyshannon	Public - Community X-Ray	Y	N	N	
	Cardonagh	Public - Community X-Ray	Y	N	N	
	Sligo Primary Care Centre	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
2	Athenry Primary Care Centre	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
	Tuam Primary Care Centre	Public Community/Hospital	Y	Y	N	Not commenced
	Castlebar Primary Care Centre	Public Community/Hospital	Y	Y	N	€140,000
	Roscommon Primary Care Centre	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
3	Limerick St Camillus Hospital	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
4	Ballyheigue Community Centre	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
	Kenmare Primary Care Centre	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
	Cahersiveen	Public - Community X-Ray	Y	N	N	€20,245
	Mitchelstown	Private - Living Health	Y	Y	N	See below for Alliance
	Cork City Affidea Site	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
5	Waterford Affidea Site	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
	St Luke's Kilkenny	Public Community/Hospital	Y	Y	N	€200,000
	Kilkenny Affidea Site	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
6	Arklow Primary Care Centre	Private - Global Diagnostics	Y	Y	N	See below for Global Diagnostics
	Bray Primary Care Centre	Public Community/Hospital	Y	Y	N	Not commenced
7	Tallaght Primary Care Centre - Russell Building	Public Community/Hospital	Y	Y	Y	€1,200,000
	Meath Primary Care Centre	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
	Vista Clinic Naas	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
8	Athlone Primary Care Centre - Clonbrusk	Public Community/Hospital	Y	Y	N	€215,556
	Northwood Clinic Affidea Site	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea
9	Northwood Clinic Affidea Site	Private - Affidea	N	Y	N	See below for Affidea

Affidea	Approximate Annual Cost	€3,533,400
Global Diagnostics	Approximate Annual Cost	€517,400
Alliance	Approximate Annual Cost	€172,640
Athlone, Castlebar, Cahersiveen, Donegal, St Luke's & Tallaght	Approximate Annual Cost	€1,923,062
<b>Total</b>		<b>€6,146,502</b>

Approximate Number of Ultrasounds Provided Annually	50,000
Approximate Number of X-Rays Provided Annually	40,000