

3rd May 2020

Deputy Verona Murphy T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 E: verona.murphy@oireachtas.ie

Re: PQ 22525/21 - MRI, WGH

"To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the installation of a public MRI facility at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the proposed MRI machine for Wexford General Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the MRI for Wexford General Hospital was not included in the HSE Service Plan 2020, despite assurances to Wexford General Hospital that the plans being submitted were for three MRIs – Mullingar, Wexford and Kilkenny.

The MRI was discussed at hospital Estates meeting over the last number of years, as the Friends of Wexford General Hospital had raised €250,000 seed funding for the MRI and are continuing to hold those funds in good faith.

Yours sincerely

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