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PQ 44872/20 To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child who is classified as semi-urgent, urgent and immediate are waiting for a MRI scan in UHG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

Please note below our waiting times data for Urgent, Semi Urgent and Non- Urgent for MRI GA scans i.e. scans that require the patient to undergo a General Anaesthetic to tolerate the MRI scan. The Radiology Department have advised that children are given the highest priority for these scans which are very complex to plan, organise and execute ,involving a very high level group of skilled staff who must be available on the day.

The Radiology Department are vigilant about scheduling as many as they can per annum and during this lockdown have continued performing these scans each week. Priority is given based on the clinical information provided at the time of the scan order.

MRGA: MRI performed under general anaesthetic as of December 2020			
Waiting Time (Months)	02 URGENT	03 Semi-Urgent	04 Non-Urgent
1. 0 - 3 Months	39	14	9
2. 3 - 6 Months	0	7	1
3. 6 - 9 Months	2	2	7
4. 9 - 12 Months	2	5	6
5. 12 - 15 Months	4	5	7
6. 15 - 18 Months	1	1	0
7. 18 + Months	1	2	2
Grand Total	49	36	32

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely

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