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Deputy Griffin,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**PQ14606/21: To ask the Minister for Health the average length of wait time in each hospital for amniocentesis results; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Griffin,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Specific wait times for amniocentesis test results are not recorded centrally by the HSE. However, depending on the type of test done, the results can take 48hrs – 72hrs (FISH Results) or if a full chromosome analysis is being done the results are usually available within 14 – 21 days.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kilian McGrane', enclosed in a rectangular box.

**Kilian McGrane, Director, National Women and Infants Health Programme**