



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Deputy Sean Canney  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine  
Aonad 4A – Áras Dargan  
An Ceantar Theas  
An Bothar Mileata  
Cill Mhaighneann  
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**PQ 15612/21**\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the availability of ultrasound scans at weekends in acute hospitals; if there is a discrepancy in availability across the country; if his attention has been drawn to the backlogs and issues being caused within the health system by the lack of CT availability at weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Canney,

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 am advised that the information you requested is not available centrally. Access to Diagnostic services are generally accessed on planned basis for in-patient and OPD patients and G.P.'s and on an emergency basis. Our planned services typically operate on Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. and emergency access to diagnostic services are provided in all sites and patients are prioritised based on clinical need.

I understand that, as part of the investment under the Winter Initiative, improved access to diagnostics for GPs through private providers is being provided.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant National Director  
Acute Operations