



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

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Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine  
Aonad 4A – Áras Dargan  
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***PQ 56927/21\* To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI machines located in public and voluntary hospitals; the number operating on a 24 hour basis; and the number operating seven days a week.***

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

### **Response**

In order to respond to your query the information requested has been sought directly from each of the hospital groups and the responses are outlined in Appendix I. The responses have some additional details around planned commissioning of new MRI's, managed services etc which are included where provided.

In addition to the MRI access that is outlined in Appendix I, access to diagnostics including MRI is being provided through other means for Acute Hospitals at this time including access through to Private Providers via HSE and NTPF funded initiatives and through the Community Diagnostics framework.

I trust that this response addresses your query,

Yours sincerely,

**Trish King**  
**General Manager**  
**Acute Operations**

## Appendix I

	No of MRI Scanners	# operating on a 24 hour basis	# operating 7 days a week.	Hospital Comments
<b>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</b>				
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise	0	0	0	2 Days per week contracted service
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	1	Operates 8am to 6pm	Operates 5/7	
Naas General Hospital	1	0	0	
St Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (St James Centre)	1	Operates 8am to 6pm	Operates 5/7	
St Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (Beaumont Centre)	1	Operates 8am to 6pm	Operates 5/7	
St. James's Hospital	2	0	0	Note: Use of a 3rd MR scanner @ St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Centre.
Tallaght University Hospital	2	0	0	
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>				
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	2	Both Operate 8am to 5pm	Operate 5/7 with 24/7 on call for Spinal Emergencies.	
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny		N/A	N/A	Note: New MRI unit is being commissioned (December 2021)
St. Vincent's University Hospital	1	Operates 12/24 for 4/7	Operates 6/7	
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	1	Operates 8am to 4pm	Operates 5/7	
<b>RCSI Hospitals Group</b>				
Beaumont Hospital	2 Onsite		Mon-Fri	1 MRI scanner is available for emergency out of hours.
Cavan General Hospital	1		Mon-Fri	
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda	2		Mon-Fri	
Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown	1			
<b>Saolta University Health Care Group</b>				
Sligo University Hospital	1	0	0	Note: MRI is a managed service
Mayo University Hospital	1	0	0	
Portiuncula University Hospital	1	0	0	
Galway University Hospitals	1	1	0	
Letterkenny University Hospital	1	0	0	
<b>South/South West Hospital Group</b>				

Cork University Hospital	2	0	Operate out of hours covered via on call basis	
Mercy University Hospital	1- private service	0	0	
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	1- private service	0	0	
University Hospital Waterford	1	0	0	
University Hospital Kerry	1	0	0	
Tipperary University Hospital	1-private service	0	0	
Cork University Maternity Hospital	0	0	0	Note: Same campus as CUH
<b>University of Limerick Hospital Group</b>				
University Hospital Limerick	2	0	1	Note: one MRI Scanner is on long term lease
<b>Children's Health Ireland</b>				
CHI at Crumlin	1	Operates 8am to 6pm	Operates 5/7	
CHI at Temple St	1	0	On-call 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week	Note: A second MRI machine is due to be in place by Q2
CHI at Tallaght	2*	0	0	
* There are 2 MRIs on the TUH site that are available for scheduling children for MRIs				