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Deputy Pearse Doherty,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin.

**Re: PQ 58083/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of days per week a radiology service is available at Donegal Community Hospital; if there are plans to increase capacity in this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Doherty,

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

The Donegal Community Radiology Service is currently operating on a rotational basis between Donegal Town and Killybegs due to staff shortages in the service; i.e. Week 1: Donegal Town - Monday and Friday and Week 2: Killybegs – Monday.

We are awaiting the transfer of a Radiographer from Letterkenny University Hospital to the Donegal Community Radiology Service, and once this transfer is completed, there will be 3 extra days of service for the Donegal Town/Killybegs sites.

The permanent Radiographer for Donegal Town/Killybegs is expected to return from leave at the beginning of March 2022, and the former four-day a week service will then resume. In the meantime, all urgent referrals are being prioritised and the Radiography Service is doing extended lists and longer days to facilitate management of the waiting lists.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dermot".

Dermot Monaghan,  
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