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Deputy Bríd Smith

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Re: PQ ref 41855/21 - *To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports of the inability to perform scans at St. James's Hospital in Dublin; the manner in which this is impacting on both the treatment of individual patients awaiting scans and the management of ward beds; the wait times for scans in St. James's Hospital; the impact of such wait times on hospital bed usage; when this situation be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Smith,

Please find in the table below, current waiting times for outpatient scans at St James's Hospital.

	URGENT
Ultrasound	1-2 weeks
MRI	13 weeks
CT2 Body	3 weeks
Nuclear Medicine	4-6 weeks
Mammography	2-3 weeks

Ultrasound Breast	3-4 weeks
Barium Imaging	1-2 weeks
General X-ray (includes facial and skull)	1-3 days
DEXA Scanning	8 months
PET CT	1 week

In the case of non-urgent routine referrals for the above scans, appointments are scheduled according to clinical urgency. There is no wait time for inpatient scans.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Ann Dalton

Deputy CEO