

Deputy Mattie McGrath,
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To ask the Minister for Health if full body scans are available to all patients at Tipperary University Hospital; if MRI and CT scanners are available and in use 24/7 in the hospital; the number of MRI and CT scans provided to public patients at the hospital in each of the past three years; the number of scans provided to private patients for the same period at the hospital; if all scanning equipment based at the hospital is available to public patients; the arrangements including financial between a company (details supplied) and Tipperary University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath

Dear Deputy McGrath,

- **To ask the Minister for Health if full body scans are available to all patients at Tipperary University Hospital; if MRI and CT scanners are available and in use 24/7 in the hospital;**

Hospital management can confirm that Tipperary University Diagnostic Department provide CT scans and MRI scan. The CT service is provided 24 hours per/day. The MRI service is currently provided by an external provider on site Monday –Friday.

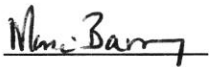
- **The number of MRI and CT scans provided to public patients at the hospital in each of the past three years; the number of scans provided to private patients for the same period at the hospital;**

Year	CT			MRI		
	Public	Private	Total	Public		Total
2021	4699	636	5335	908		908
2020	6520	905	7425	990		990
2019	6802	689	7491	983		983

- **If all scanning equipment based at the hospital is available to public patients;**
Yes.
- ***The arrangements including financial between a company (details supplied) and Tipperary University Hospital;***

MRI Scanning is provided for patients of Tipperary University Hospital, as per Clinicians requests. This service is provided by an External Service Provider and I am unable to provide further details on the financial arrangement as this is commercially sensitive.

Yours Sincerely



Ms. Maria Barry

General Manager