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PQ Ref. 44561/21 To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child who is classified as urgent, semi-urgent and non-urgent is waiting for a MRI scan in UHG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney (T.D)

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

Galway University Hospitals (GUH) are currently replacing our MRI scanner under the Equipment Replacement Programme.

In the interim, we have a managed service MRI on site performing MRI scans, dealing with our inpatient lists and a limited number of outpatients.

The tables below outline our current MRI waiting list data both Non General Anaesthetic (GA) and GA.

Table 1. MRI Paediatric Waiting List: NON GA

Category	Quantity of patients
Urgent	23 Waiting time: 6 months
Semi urgent	21 Waiting time: 12 months
Non urgent	14 Waiting time: 13 months


Currently there are no GA paediatric outpatient MRIs being booked in GUH, however these will be reinstated once the capital works have been completed and the replacement MRI installed.

Table 2. GUH MRI Paediatric Waiting List: GA

Category	Quantity of patients
Urgent	39 waiting time: 10 months
Semi urgent	36 waiting time : 20 months
Non urgent	13 waiting time: 24 months

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,


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