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**Deputy David Cullinane**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the current wait time and length of wait for an MRI in Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

I have followed up with Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin and set out hereunder the information that you require.

The wait time for an out-patient MRI scan can vary depending on clinical urgency. Clinical urgency is categorised under four main vetting categories; 7, 8, 9, 10. These are:

Vetting Priority	Turnaround Time (TAT) Ordered to Imaged
10. Non Urgent	177 days
9. Semi Urgent	46 days
8. Urgent	3 days
7. Immediate	Immediately

The maximum wait time for an out-patient MRI scan can also vary depending on clinical urgency as follows:

- Walk-in patients / Children requiring/not requiring IV contrast, have a maximum wait time of 27 months.
- Children that require sedation for MRI scans have a maximum wait time of 6 months.
- Children that require non-urgent/routine MRI scans that need a general anaesthetic for the scan, have a maximum wait time of between 4-5 years.



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CHI at Crumlin are in the process of putting in place a second MRI scanner which should be operational by Q1 of 2023.

CHI sincerely regret any long waiting times which patients and their families may be experiencing to access treatment at CHI.

Yours sincerely

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