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To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child who is classified as semi-urgent, urgent and immediate has been waiting for an MRI scan at University Hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Seán Canney

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.

1. In relation to General Anaesthetic (GA) PAEDIATRIC MRI waiting times:

Immediate:

If a Paediatric Consultant deems an MRI is required immediately, they liaise with the Consultant Radiologist and Anaesthetics. These are usually admitted as an inpatient to paediatrics for the scan.

Urgent: 12 months.

Semi-urgent: 18 months (Nov 2020).

Non-urgent: 20 months.

We have one half day MRI GA list per week and four paediatric patients are done on this list. This is dependent on anaesthetic cover so occasionally we have no cover and in this instance we have no list.

2. In relation to NON-GA PAEDIATRIC MRI waiting times:

Immediate: within 1 week.

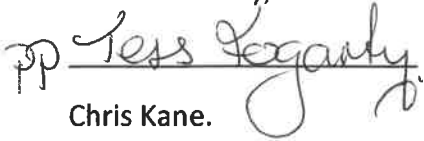
Urgent: within 12 weeks.

Semi Urgent: within 12 months.

Non- Urgent: no paediatrics at non-urgent.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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