



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
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**PQ32231/21 To ask the Minister for Health if x-rays and scans performed across the Saolta Hospital Group can be accessed and read in each hospital within the group; if patient files can be accessed and edited at all locations within the Saolta Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Clinical staff have access to x-rays, scan images and radiology reports from any hospital within the Saolta Group. Radiology images cannot be edited. A radiology report can only be edited under very controlled circumstances.

In addition, each hospital records diagnosis and treatment details in a patient chart held locally. Where patients are treated in different facilities relevant chart extracts are sent with the patient.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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