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**Deputy Verona Murphy**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Murphy

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the provision that is being made to increase the current general anaesthetic MRI services for children at Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin; when further funding will be provided to increase the current two-day service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

#### **Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response**

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin are in the process of acquiring a leased customised paediatric MRI with an estimated date of completion of late November / early December 2022. External build works are underway and progress is currently on target.

The impact of this unit will be additional 'walk in' scan capacity of 1600 scans per year. This would allow the transfer of walk in patients from the existing MRI.

This release of capacity from the existing MRI, combined with increased staffing and support facilities would allow CHI at Crumlin to increase capacity for patients that require general anaesthetic and sedation for MRI, which would potentially allow for an additional number of anaesthetic and sedation scans per year of 570 scans.

Alongside the works for the external leased unit there are also plans underway to create a 2 Bed Recovery Bay Area in the Existing MRI/CT Department Footprint that will help facilitate the additional general anaesthetic capacity.

Yours sincerely

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