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Mr Cathal Crowe TD,
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RE: PQ 10046/23

To ask the Minister for Health the reason diagnostics in UHL do not operate on a 24/7/365 basis (details supplied).

Details supplied: In our experience particularly at weekends and bank holidays X-ray MRI CT and ultrasound are not available

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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

I have been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that the x-ray service at University Hospital Limerick operates between 8:30 am- 5 pm from Monday to Friday for both inpatients and outpatient appointments. There are also two x-ray machines located in the Emergency Department both of which operate on a 24/7 basis for patients attending the ED and inpatients requiring out-of-hours x-ray services. In addition, there is also a mobile x-ray service available on a 24/7 basis for inpatients unable to attend the Radiology Department for imaging.

Our CT service operates between 8:30 am - 5pm from Monday to Friday for both inpatients and outpatients. There is also a CT service available in our Emergency Department which operates on a 24/7 basis for patients attending the ED and inpatients out-of-hours.

The Ultrasound service at UHL operates between 8:30 am and 5pm from Monday to Friday. There is a radiologist on call for out-of-hours emergency cases as required.

Our MRI service operates between 8:30 am - 5pm from Monday to Friday. There are also MRI slots available at the weekends.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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