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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographers working at University Hospital Limerick in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; if this number will increase to alleviate the waiting times in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard O'Donoghue**

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

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.

Please see below for a breakdown of the number of full-time radiographers working at University Hospital Limerick between 2020-2022, in tabular form.

| Year | WTE      |
|------|----------|
| 2020 | 59.2 WTE |
| 2021 | 63.1 WTE |
| 2022 | 65.7 WTE |

I am pleased to let you know that four Radiographers were approved under the Winter Plan 2022-2023, of these 3.5 WTE will be based at UHL. These additional resources will help to address patient flow and early discharges at the UHL site.

In addition, to address wait times, increased funding was provided in the Winter Plan for additional GP access to diagnostics in primary care, allowing for patients to be referred directly for x-rays or scans. Good progress was made in this initiative in 2022, and currently, in the Mid West region, more than 1,400 of these scans are being completed each month.

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

Yours sincerely,



**Prof Colette Cowan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
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