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RE: To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child who is classified as urgent, semi-urgent and non-urgent is waiting for an MRI scan in UHG; 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.

In response to your query, Paediatric patients who do not require Anaesthetic for an MRI or Non General Anaesthetic (GA) MRI are typically performed within the week of request.

For GA MRI, this more specialised procedure requires involvement from both the Radiology and Anaesthetics Team and so the Waiting Times are as follows:

	Numbers on the Waiting List	Longest Waiting Times
Urgent	35	05/05/2022
Semi Urgent	70	27/07/2021
Non Urgent	53	06/05/2021

GUH is the only hospital within the Saolta Group that provides a GA Paediatric MRI Service.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
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