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**Re: 20758/23**

Dear Deputy Burke,

I refer to the recent representation made in relation to ask the Minister for Health the progress with the provision of an MRI scanner at Mullingar Hospital; the timeline for the provision of this service; the budget that is allowed for the staffing of this facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The current scheduled date of installation of the MR unit is June 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 with full project handover for mid-July 2023.

RHM have approval to recruit one Clinical Specialist Radiographer, but, at the moment, there is no approved budget for staff to run this service. The recruitment of this essential role has commenced.

It is not possible to give a timeline for the commencement of the MRI Service until we have approval for a fully funded service and recruitment has commenced. A comprehensive business case has been submitted, including staffing requirements.

A significant amount of preparatory work, including design, inventory, acquisition of equipment, safety, management of building works and planning meetings with clinical stakeholders has taken place. All required equipment, including all ancillary equipment will be onsite by end of June.

Yours sincerely



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