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**PQ: 37982/23 To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for bone density scans for patients at each hospital in the Saolta Group. -Duncan Smith**

Dear Deputy Smith,

In response to your query in relation to wait times for bone density scans, the tables below detail the average wait times for the hospitals in the Saolta Group which provide this service:

**Galway University Hospital:**

Priority	Average Waiting Times
Urgent	8 Weeks
Semi-Urgent	4 – 5 Months
Routine	1 Year

**Sligo University Hospital:**

Priority	Average Waiting Times
Urgent	10 Weeks
Semi-Urgent	34 Months
Routine	40 Months

**Letterkenny University Hospital:**

Priority	Average Waiting Times
Urgent	1 Month
Semi-Urgent	4-5 Months
Routine	1 Year

There is no bone density scan service in the following hospitals:

- Mayo University Hospital
- Roscommon University Hospital
- Portlincula University Hospital. PUH are in the process of re-establishing the service and is proactively working on the provision of a suitable area for the scanner in conjunction with HSE West Estates.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

**Yours sincerely,**



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