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PQ 8045/25* To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of locations where patients can access 80cm MRI machines in Ireland; if none are available, where is a person requiring an urgent MRI of this particular specification to go; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - John Clendennan

Dear Deputy Clendennan,

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

As part of the HSE National Equipment Replacement Programme, a review of medical equipping requirements is carried out annually to replace older and less reliable equipment and address any existing deficits. A continual comprehensive assessment of need is undertaken to support the ongoing schedule of medical equipment replacement, across the six Health Regions, to inform future medical equipment replacement requirements. There has been no service requirement or request for a 80cms MRI machine from acute or community services to date.

There are no 80 cms MRI machines in operation in Ireland at this present time. However the HSE is aware of a private operator in England who has two 80cms MRI machines in operation.

Yours sincerely

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