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Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

I refer to your correspondence dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The below table outlines the radiology equipment in place at University Hospital Limerick:

EQUIPMENT TYPE	INSTALLATION DATE	New or Replacement	Number of Breakdowns since Jan 2024
Densitometers, Bone, X-Ray, Dual-Energy Absorptiometry	23/03/2015	New	2
Densitometers, Bone, X-Ray, Dual-Energy Absorptiometry	30/04/2015	New	2
CT Scanners	19/06/2017	New	13
Angiography Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Systems	05/06/2013	New	5
Artis Zee Imaging System Detector	05/06/2013	New	0
X Ray Machine/Compression Agile S	13/11/2013	New	2
Radiographic/Tomographic Table Systems	24/11/2020	Replacement	3
MRI Units	18/11/2021	Replacement	2
CT Scanner	08/08/2023	Replacement	1
Radiographic Units	04/09/2020	New	0
Radiographic Units, Mammography	21/12/2015	New	5
Radiographic Units, Mammography	21/12/2015	New	1



Computer-Aided Detection Systems, Image, Breast, Mammography	10/02/2023	Replacement	1
C Arm	07/10/2016	New	4
Digital Specimen Radiography System	18/01/2021	New	2
Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Units, Mobile	27/01/2017	New	6
Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Units, Mobile	22/10/2020	Replacement	1
Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Units, Mobile	25/03/2021	Replacement	3
Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Units, Mobile	01/09/2022	New	0
CT Scanners	01/01/2018	New	2
X-Ray Systems - AFU 2	05/01/2023	New	2
X-Ray Systems - Room 3	01/07/2021	Replacement	4
X-Ray Systems - AFU 1	02/09/2022	New	7
X-Ray Systems - Chest Room	15/10/2024	Replacement	10
X-Ray Systems - ED Room 2	10/04/2017	New	4
X-Ray Systems -ED Room 1	14/04/2017	New	5
Radiographic Units	04/09/2020	New	0
Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Units, Mobile	12/05/2017	New	8
Mobile X-ray System	27/04/2020	New	2
Radiographic Units, Mobile	08/09/2020	New	2
Radiographic Units, Mobile	09/03/2023	New	6
Radiographic Units, Mobile	04/09/2020	New	2
Radiographic Units, Mobile	19/03/2021	Replacement	0
Radiographic Units, Dental, Extraoral	12/03/2021	Replacement	0
Radiographic Units, Dental, Extraoral	22/06/2017	New	0



The below table outlines the ultrasound equipment in place at University Hospital Limerick:

EQUIPMENT TYPE	INSTALLATION DATE	NEW OR REPLACEMENT	No. OF BREAKDOWNS SINCE JAN. 2024
Ultrasound Scanners, Ophthalmic	22/03/2012	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	12/07/2012	New	5
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	28/02/2013	New	3
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	30/09/2015	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	04/11/2015	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	04/11/2015	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/01/2016	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners	26/01/2016	New	2
Ultrasound Scanners	08/11/2016	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners	01/10/2012	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/06/2017	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners	07/06/2017	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/06/2017	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/06/2017	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/06/2017	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	23/11/2017	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Ophthalmic	18/01/2018	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	01/06/2017	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners	01/06/2017	New	2
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	15/02/2019	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	20/03/2019	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	02/07/2019	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	22/10/2019	Replacement	2
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	22/10/2019	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	22/10/2019	Replacement	1



Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	22/10/2019	Replacement	1
Ultrasound Scanner	14/11/2019	Replacement	1
Ultrasound Scanners	14/11/2019	Replacement	1
Ultrasound Scanners	26/03/2019	New	4
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	12/12/2019	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners	16/09/2019	Replacement	2
Ultrasound Scanners	16/09/2019	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners	22/04/2020	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	23/10/2019	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	11/06/2020	Replacement	0
Ultrasound System Monitor	19/06/2020	Replacement	1
Ultrasound Scanners	19/06/2020	Replacement	1
Ultrasound Scanners	24/06/2020	New	2
Ultrasound Scanners	01/05/2019	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	01/10/2020	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	01/10/2020	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	01/10/2020	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	02/12/2020	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	02/12/2020	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	02/12/2020	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	09/12/2020	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanner	14/01/2021	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	28/01/2021	Replacement	2
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	11/02/2021	New	3
Ultrasound Scanners	24/03/2021	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	15/07/2021	Replacement	1
Ultrasound Scanners	09/09/2021	Replacement	1
Pocket-sized ultrasound system	10/02/2022	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	08/03/2022	New	2
Ultrasound Scanners	29/03/2022	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	13/09/2022	New	0



Ultrasound Scanners	13/09/2022	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	13/09/2022	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners	24/10/2022	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners	10/01/2023	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners	27/01/2023	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners	26/01/2016	New	2
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	19/10/2023	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	10/02/2023	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/12/2023	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/12/2023	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners	07/12/2023	Replacement	0
Scanners, Ultrasonic, General-Purpose	20/01/2023	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	23/05/2021	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	13/02/2024	New	1
Ultrasound Scanners	31/05/2024	Replacement	1
Ultrasound Scanners	31/05/2024	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	03/07/2024	Replacement	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	03/09/2024	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners, Bladder	08/07/2024	New	0
Ultrasound Scanners	27/11/2024	Replacement	0
Invisus EXP Ultrasound Base	21/08/2024	Replacement	0
Ultrasound scanner	12/01/2022	Replacement	1
Ultrasound scanner	12/01/2022	Replacement	2
Ultrasound scanner	12/01/2022	Replacement	1
Ultrasound scanner	27/11/2024	Replacement	0
Bladder Scanner Probe	03/09/2024	New	0

All equipment is subject to regular maintenance and repair and can continue to function to specification, subject to part replacement when necessary and ongoing support from the manufacturer.

For radiology equipment, useful life is often advised as anywhere between 10 and 20 years while for ultrasound equipment it is typically indicated as being between 7 and 10 years. I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.



Kind Regards,

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