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Deputy Richard O'Donoghue,  
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**PQ 8555/25**

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

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

There are currently two MRI scanners in place at University Hospital Limerick, one operated by UHL and a second operated by Alliance Medical which serves patients in the hospital and also provides a GP service out-of-hours.

Please see below the operational hours for 2023/2024:

<b>MRI scanners</b>	<b>Hours of operations</b>
MRI 1 (operated by UHL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open 8:30 -17:00 Monday to Friday.</li></ul>
MRI 2 (operated by Alliance Medical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open 17:00-20:00 Monday to Friday for community patients.</li><li>• Open 8:00 -20:00 Saturday and Sunday for community patients with 10 slots available each day for discharged patients from UHL.</li></ul>

Separately, planning permission was secured in October 2023 for an extension to the Radiology Department at UHL. This includes a single-storey extension to the MRI Department for an additional MRI scanner, and an upper floor extension to the Radiology Department for consultant radiologist offices, on-call facilities, teaching space and changing-room facilities. The project is expected to be completed by Q1 2026.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,



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