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RE: To ask the Minister for Health if the operating hours for ultrasounds at University Hospital Galway will be expanded beyond the current operating hours of Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Louis O'Hara

Dear Deputy O'Hara,

The HSE has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, we can confirm that due to current staffing restraints, GUH is not in a position to provide expanded services. GUH provide 24 hours multi-modality imaging to support unscheduled care and also provide urgent MRI and Ultrasound scanning as required.

We cannot currently provide additional lists for scheduled care within our current resources as this would necessitate reducing the numbers of staff during the core week so that they could be scheduled to work at weekends. Dependant on appropriate provision of resources, we could then consider a 5/7 model of care.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane  
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