

21st October 2025

Deputy Michael Carrigy Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

RE: PQ 25 53413

Dear Deputy Carrigy

Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the below Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister of Health.

To ask the Minister for Health the diagnostic supports available for suspected sarcoidosis (including access to high-resolution CT, Pet-CT where indicated, tissue biopsy, cardiac MRI, and ophthalmology assessment); whether national guidance on investigation and follow up is being updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Tallaght University Hospital completed a full review of the demands and capacity for radiology service in early 2025. Following engagement with the HSE and support of the Hospital Board a business case was approved to address the current challenges with Radiology access, this includes the recruitment of additional Radiology staff. A recent review has shown a reduction in the waiting lists, further improvement will be seen in the coming months when the additional resources are in place.

The hospital has some access challenges for outpatient echocardiography due to capacity issues, the Hospital is working on a proposal to improve access

Access is available for ophthalmology assessment

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

MR JOHN KELLY
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE