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Re: PQ 51299-22 Imaging services between hospitals and clinics

Dear Deputy O'Snodaigh

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to why an MRI scan from the Affidea Clinic in Dundrum could not be received electronically by the Coombe.

The Coombe accesses the system (NIMIS) used by the HSE for electronic transfer of images between hospitals and other providers. BEAM is a web based, secure imaging record sharing platform which replaced the previous process which required the use of CDs and DVDs to share patients' X-Rays, scans and exam reports between hospitals, and also needed the physical transfer by courier or taxi.

However, in a case where a patient is treated in a non - NIMIS venue, that has no BEAM facility, we still accept CDs to upload on to our NIMIS picture archive and communication system (PACS). It may well be that the Affidea Clinic does not have the required facilities to send their images electronically to us but you should check with them to establish this. Just to be very clear, we accept all imaging from all facilities if there is a request from a referring doctor to upload the said image onto NIMIS PACS.

Yours sincerely

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