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Mr. Matt Carthy T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 57010/23 *“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 507 of 5 December 2023, the number of patients that received a CT scan in 2023 at Cavan Hospital with addresses in each applicable county; the number of patients that received a MRI scan in 2023 at Cavan Hospital with addresses in each applicable county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*
Parliamentary Question 57011/23 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting appointments to secure a CT scan at Cavan Hospital; the number awaiting appointments to secure a MRI scan at Cavan Hospital; the average waiting time in each instance, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*
Parliamentary Question 1958/24 *“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 508 of 5 December 2023, which centre the two CT scanners and one MRI scanner are based in within the Cavan and Monaghan Hospital group; if a request has been made for additional MRI or CT scanners to be located at Monaghan Hospital; and the status of any such request.”*

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The RCSI Hospital Group has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see below table outlining the total number of patients with Cavan and Monaghan addresses respectively who received a MRI and CT scan in Cavan & Monaghan Hospital in 2023.

Scan	No. of Patients Cavan	No. of Patients Monaghan
CT	4430	2247
MRI	1627	681

Please see below table outlining current unscheduled wait times for MRI and CT in Cavan & Monaghan Hospital.

Scan	0-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months +
CT	531	285	469
MRI	407	297	107

To note, all referrals are vetted and appointed by a Consultant Radiologist based on clinical need.

Cavan & Monaghan Hospital currently have two operating CT scanners and one MRI scanner. Access to same is prioritised on clinical need.

The Clinical Director or Senior Management Team have not submitted a business case for additional MRI or CT modality at Cavan and Monaghan Hospital as clear clinical pathways exist that support the region.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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