

28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Deputy Ivana Bacik TD.,  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: 27759/24 - To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that the DEXA machine in St. Vincent's University Hospital is broken; when the machine will be back in commission**

Dear Deputy Bacik

I refer to the above parliamentary question which was sent to me for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised of the following:

There are two DEXA scanners onsite in St. Vincent's University Hospital. One is fully operational under the remit of Endocrinology and provides a DEXA service for all SVUH referrals.

The second DEXA scanner was installed circa. 2008 and has not been operational since 2022 due to staffing constraints. It provided a service two half days per week exclusively to GPs. Subsequently, GPs are accessing DEXA via the HSE GP Access to Community Diagnostics scheme.

Yours sincerely



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