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Deputy Martin Browne,
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PQ Number: 10321/24
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PQ Question: **To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to address the impact the removal of the private MRI scanner at Tipperary University Hospital will have on public waiting lists; to provide details of the number of people waiting for MRI scans at TUH and the length of time they have been waiti on a three monthly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The transfer of the Alliance Medical scanning service from Tipp UH to Thurles has not impacted the Public OP MRI waiting list.

The Alliance Medical unit has been providing scans for GP MRI referrals for the last 16 months.

The Tipp UH HSE MRI scanning service has been operational Since Oct 2022. Despite significant staffing deficits, a Public OP MRI service has been managed and maintained.

Tip UH Radiology MRI Public referral OP Waiting List			
	<i>Number of OP Scheduled</i>	<i>No of OP awaiting appointment</i>	<i>Longest waiter for Routine appointment</i>
	69	46	12 weeks
Total Number of OP Referrals waiting		115	

GP referrals for MRI	All GP referrals for MRI are currently being facilitated by Private sector providers under the DOH: GP Access to Community Diagnostics (GPACD) Scheme
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Yours Sincerely

Ms. Maria Barry
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