

**Deputy Denis Naughten,
Houses of the Oireachtas,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.**

10th October 2024

Representation Number: 36746/24

Representation Question: *'To ask the Minister for Health when the new DEXA scanner at Portiuncula University Hospital will be operational; the number of patients currently on the waiting list for an appointment for such a scan; the length of time those patients are on the waiting list, in tabular form'.*

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question.

I can confirm that it is planned to re-commence the Dexa scanning service on a phased basis from December 2024.

There are currently 1,047 patients on the Dexa Waiting List and below is the breakdown as at the 10th October 2024:

Waiting List Breakdown (Ordered Dofetime to Today)							
All	0-3 Weeks	3-6 Weeks	6-13 Weeks	13-26 Weeks	26-52 Weeks	52-78 Weeks	78 Weeks +
1,047 Total Exams	4 Total Exams	3 Total Exams	7 Total Exams	29 Total Exams	60 Total Exams	93 Total Exams	851 Total Exams

I trust that this clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. James Keane
General Manager