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Re. **PQ13792/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients to receive radiation oncology in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024.**

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) collects limited summary data on the number of **new patients completing radical radiation therapy in public facilities** which is tabulated as follows:

Radiation Oncology	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Jan-Feb
The number of patients who completed radical treatment for primary cancer	4,681	5,522	5,869	5,607	5,516	5,959	6,338	1,034

Please note:

1. The data does not include patients receiving palliative radiation therapy.
2. Activity that was outsourced to private facilities (particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020/2021 and also the cyberattack in May/June 2021) may not be included in these figures.
4. Data for 2024 is not complete for all submitting radiation oncology units and is subject to change.
5. The radiation oncology KPI was first introduced in 2017 and data prior to this is not available to the NCCP.

Yours sincerely,



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