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Re.

PQ31733/24: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients seen within national cancer control programme target surgery timeframes for breast cancer nationally and in each designated cancer centre, in each of the years 2013 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ31734/24: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients seen within national cancer control programme target surgery timeframes for lung cancer nationally and in each designated cancer centre, in each of the years between 2013 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ31735/24: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients seen within national cancer control programme target surgery timeframes for prostate cancer nationally and in each designated cancer centre, in each of the years between 2013 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ31736/24: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients seen within national cancer control programme target surgery timeframes for pancreatic cancer nationally and in each designated cancer centre, in each of the years 2013 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) collates a subset of aggregate data related to specific tumours, including data pertaining to rapid access services for people with suspected breast, lung and prostate cancer, and more limited data for a number of other tumour types.

The NCCP collects time to surgery Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on breast, lung, prostate and pancreatic cancer surgery in patients where surgery is the first treatment. The NCCP is not in a position to share hospital level data, annual data is presented at a national level below:

Tumour	Time To Surgery	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Breast	Surgical intervention will be carried out within 20 working days of the date of the MDM when a B5 or C5 was first identified, provided surgery is the first treatment. Note: those outside target by reason of MRI are included as within target.	89.3%	88.2%	84.6%	89.1%	87.2%	81.5%	83.0%	80.6%	81.1%	75.8%	72.9%
Lung	Patients diagnosed with a primary lung cancer where surgery is the first treatment shall be offered an appointment for surgery within 25 working days of the date of the decision to operate by the multidisciplinary team.	N/A	80.9%	71.0%	63.3%	68.5%	65.1%	57.0%	54.5%	56.7%	71.2%	60.0%
Prostate	Patients diagnosed with a primary prostate cancer, the interval between the date that the patient is placed on the waiting list for admission for surgery and the date of first surgical intervention where surgery is the first treatment, shall be less than or equal to 30 working days.	N/A	23.3%	57.1%	45.4%	30.4%	32.1%	31.1%	43.2%	46.6%	45.1%	34.9%
Pancreas	Surgical intervention in new patients with proven or suspected pancreatic cancer, where surgery is the first treatment, will be carried out within 20 working days of the MDM decision.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	72.7%	66.2%	69.6%	54.0%	50.0%	50.9%	N/A

The data above is presented as the percentage of total patients treated within the recommended timeframe. The annual data validation cycle for data from 2023 is ongoing, as such data from 2023 are subject to change.

Yours sincerely,



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