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To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic; and the absolute number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by University of Limerick Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. -Thomas Pringle

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

University Hospital Limerick is one of eight Rapid Access Prostate Clinics in Ireland that provides diagnosis and treatment for patients with prostate cancer and suspected prostate cancer.

UL Hospitals Group is committed to providing care for prostate cancer patients in the Mid West and we continue to strive to improve our services to ensure that our patients have the best possible outcomes.

For example, University Hospital Limerick commenced self-management follow-up care for patients in February 2023. The aim of self-management is to adopt a standardised approach and empower patients to self-manage their condition and take a more active role in their care.

As requested, please find attached data in tabular form for the years requested. As you can see, there has been an increase in the number of patients that attended our clinics and an increase in the number of patients that received an appointment within ten working days of referral.



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I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours Sincerely,

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