

28th June 2024

Deputy Thomas Pringle TD.,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ27004/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic; and the absolute number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Ireland East 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.

Dear Deputy Pringle

I refer to the above parliamentary question which was sent to me for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised of the following:

| Quarter | 2016 No Attended RAC Lung | 2016 Seen within 10 Working Days | 2017 No Attended RAC Lung | 2017 Seen within 10 Working Days | 2018 No Attended RAC Lung | 2018 Seen within 10 Working Days | 2019 No Attended RAC Lung | 2019 Seen within 10 Working Days |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Q1 | 82 | 82 | 112 | 112 | 101 | 101 | 89 | 89 |
| Q2 | 93 | 93 | 111 | 111 | 118 | 118 | 100 | 100 |
| Q3 | 92 | 92 | 65 | 65 | 85 | 85 | 109 | 109 |
| Q4 | 89 | 89 | 79 | 79 | 98 | 98 | 103 | 103 |

| Quarter | 2020 No Attended RAC Lung | 2020 Seen within 10 Working Days | 2021 No Attended RAC Lung | 2021 Seen within 10 Working Days | 2022 No Attended RAC Lung | 2022 Seen within 10 Working Days | 2023 No Attended RAC Lung | 2023 Seen within 10 Working Days |
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| Q1 | 130 | 130 | 101 | 101 | 128 | 122 | 142 | 135 |
| Q2 | 95 | 95 | 110 | 110 | 148 | 148 | 155 | 154 |
| Q3 | 104 | 104 | 109 | 109 | 114 | 114 | 149 | 149 |
| Q4 | 107 | 107 | 102 | 102 | 128 | 128 | 136 | 136 |

Yours sincerely



Cahal Flynn
Director of Operations