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Re:

**PQ10084/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

**PQ10067/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

**PQ10061/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

**PQ10071/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

Two PQs which appear to be duplicates:

**PQ10063/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

**PQ10065/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The rapid access assessment services, Rapid Access Lung Clinics (RALC) and Rapid Access Prostate Clinics (RAPC) operate in each of the 8 designated cancer centres, and provide a streamlined pathway to diagnostic evaluation and specialist review for these two major cancers. It is important to note that these are symptomatic patients being assessed for suspected cancer, the majority of whom will not be diagnosed with cancer.

As work is progressing to establish the six HSE health regions from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the relevant hospitals (designated cancer centres) under the governance of the RCSI Hospital Group and South/Southwest Hospital Group have changed. As such the NCCP has compiled the data below for the four relevant hospitals managed previously by these Hospital Groups (Beaumont Hospital, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Cork University Hospital, University Hospital Waterford). Hospital level data are provided from 2016 to 2022. Hospital level data for 2023 have not been provided as they are not yet validated. Please note the timeliness of access target for the prostate rapid access clinics is 20 working days, the NCCP does not collect data on the number of patients attending within 10 working days.

The data provided below are as follows:

- The total number of newly referred patients having first attendance at a prostate rapid access clinic and the number of those seen within 20 working days of receipt of referral at the cancer centre is given below by quarter from 2016 to 2022 by each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group and the RCSI Hospital Group.
- The total number of newly referred patients having first attendance at a lung rapid access clinic and the number of those seen within 10 working days of receipt of referral at the cancer centre is given below by quarter from 2016 to 2022 by each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group and the RCSI Hospital Group.



## Prostate Rapid Access Clinics

### Beaumont Hospital

Year	Quarter	The number of patients that attended a Prostate RAC	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 20 working days
2016	1	74	28
2016	2	91	40
2016	3	72	68
2016	4	64	63
2017	1	75	75
2017	2	82	82
2017	3	74	49
2017	4	82	82
2018	1	68	68
2018	2	96	96
2018	3	112	111
2018	4	116	107
2019	1	106	106
2019	2	106	106
2019	3	114	114
2019	4	125	125
2020	1	119	119
2020	2	94	94
2020	3	83	83
2020	4	89	89
2021	1	86	86
2021	2	84	84
2021	3	108	108
2021	4	115	115
2022	1	134	134
2022	2	127	127
2022	3	116	116
2022	4	143	143

*Mater Misericordiae University Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients that attended a Prostate RAC	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 20 working days
<b>2016</b>	1	72	53
<b>2016</b>	2	92	47
<b>2016</b>	3	75	68
<b>2016</b>	4	81	35
<b>2017</b>	1	84	9
<b>2017</b>	2	103	23
<b>2017</b>	3	120	78
<b>2017</b>	4	119	114
<b>2018</b>	1	89	64
<b>2018</b>	2	68	13
<b>2018</b>	3	129	66
<b>2018</b>	4	84	82
<b>2019</b>	1	81	78
<b>2019</b>	2	84	75
<b>2019</b>	3	83	68
<b>2019</b>	4	100	80
<b>2020</b>	1	81	74
<b>2020</b>	2	44	34
<b>2020</b>	3	69	66
<b>2020</b>	4	77	73
<b>2021</b>	1	72	66
<b>2021</b>	2	71	71
<b>2021</b>	3	79	79
<b>2021</b>	4	97	97
<b>2022</b>	1	127	127
<b>2022</b>	2	84	84
<b>2022</b>	3	102	102
<b>2022</b>	4	135	135

*Cork University Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients that attended a Prostate RAC	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 20 working days
<b>2016</b>	1	44	8
<b>2016</b>	2	62	9
<b>2016</b>	3	31	<5
<b>2016</b>	4	44	<5
<b>2017</b>	1	142	18
<b>2017</b>	2	127	48
<b>2017</b>	3	112	39
<b>2017</b>	4	115	60
<b>2018</b>	1	126	84
<b>2018</b>	2	88	79
<b>2018</b>	3	110	38
<b>2018</b>	4	88	66
<b>2019</b>	1	65	31
<b>2019</b>	2	140	51
<b>2019</b>	3	87	54
<b>2019</b>	4	116	23
<b>2020</b>	1	94	30
<b>2020</b>	2	80	19
<b>2020</b>	3	110	18
<b>2020</b>	4	97	22
<b>2021</b>	1	75	23
<b>2021</b>	2	104	18
<b>2021</b>	3	60	9
<b>2021</b>	4	98	14
<b>2022</b>	1	195	20
<b>2022</b>	2	171	21
<b>2022</b>	3	144	18
<b>2022</b>	4	109	12



*University Hospital Waterford*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients that attended a Prostate RAC	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 20 working days
<b>2016</b>	1	93	14
<b>2016</b>	2	76	8
<b>2016</b>	3	38	7
<b>2016</b>	4	83	17
<b>2017</b>	1	76	14
<b>2017</b>	2	123	82
<b>2017</b>	3	89	84
<b>2017</b>	4	97	96
<b>2018</b>	1	100	91
<b>2018</b>	2	102	102
<b>2018</b>	3	83	79
<b>2018</b>	4	93	93
<b>2019</b>	1	91	39
<b>2019</b>	2	119	6
<b>2019</b>	3	70	5
<b>2019</b>	4	65	<5
<b>2020</b>	1	157	44
<b>2020</b>	2	27	13
<b>2020</b>	3	110	44
<b>2020</b>	4	48	13
<b>2021</b>	1	111	26
<b>2021</b>	2	116	98
<b>2021</b>	3	141	141
<b>2021</b>	4	146	146
<b>2022</b>	1	153	153
<b>2022</b>	2	159	159
<b>2022</b>	3	143	143
<b>2022</b>	4	158	158



## Lung Rapid Access Clinics

*Beaumont Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients that attended a Lung RAC	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 10 working days
2016	1	107	94
2016	2	103	93
2016	3	100	68
2016	4	100	74
2017	1	116	92
2017	2	117	80
2017	3	126	85
2017	4	99	85
2018	1	78	78
2018	2	87	86
2018	3	64	62
2018	4	75	75
2019	1	78	78
2019	2	77	77
2019	3	94	94
2019	4	66	66
2020	1	74	74
2020	2	38	38
2020	3	72	72
2020	4	86	86
2021	1	72	72
2021	2	76	75
2021	3	90	90
2021	4	76	71
2022	1	61	61
2022	2	79	78
2022	3	71	70
2022	4	91	91

*Mater Misericordiae University Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients that attended a Lung RAC	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 10 working days
2016	1	91	91
2016	2	101	100
2016	3	72	70
2016	4	98	97
2017	1	96	95
2017	2	96	93
2017	3	89	87
2017	4	82	82
2018	1	106	106
2018	2	96	96
2018	3	103	100
2018	4	95	95
2019	1	84	84
2019	2	119	119
2019	3	117	116
2019	4	98	96
2020	1	114	112
2020	2	76	75
2020	3	71	70
2020	4	86	82
2021	1	90	88
2021	2	82	82
2021	3	89	88
2021	4	87	87
2022	1	104	104
2022	2	125	124
2022	3	108	107
2022	4	120	119





*Cork University Hospital*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>The number of patients that attended a Lung RAC</b>	<b>The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 10 working days</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>1</b>	93	66
<b>2016</b>	<b>2</b>	118	18
<b>2016</b>	<b>3</b>	116	60
<b>2016</b>	<b>4</b>	93	69
<b>2017</b>	<b>1</b>	117	70
<b>2017</b>	<b>2</b>	116	35
<b>2017</b>	<b>3</b>	92	30
<b>2017</b>	<b>4</b>	87	73
<b>2018</b>	<b>1</b>	128	64
<b>2018</b>	<b>2</b>	108	58
<b>2018</b>	<b>3</b>	82	58
<b>2018</b>	<b>4</b>	77	67
<b>2019</b>	<b>1</b>	108	86
<b>2019</b>	<b>2</b>	69	53
<b>2019</b>	<b>3</b>	94	73
<b>2019</b>	<b>4</b>	74	61
<b>2020</b>	<b>1</b>	85	45
<b>2020</b>	<b>2</b>	45	40
<b>2020</b>	<b>3</b>	77	56
<b>2020</b>	<b>4</b>	92	56
<b>2021</b>	<b>1</b>	52	47
<b>2021</b>	<b>2</b>	73	62
<b>2021</b>	<b>3</b>	68	29
<b>2021</b>	<b>4</b>	86	56
<b>2022</b>	<b>1</b>	95	70
<b>2022</b>	<b>2</b>	86	60
<b>2022</b>	<b>3</b>	93	30
<b>2022</b>	<b>4</b>	71	58



*University Hospital Waterford*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients that attended a Lung RAC	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend RAC within 10 working days
2016	1	67	67
2016	2	80	76
2016	3	68	68
2016	4	48	48
2017	1	72	71
2017	2	83	82
2017	3	65	60
2017	4	67	67
2018	1	80	78
2018	2	88	82
2018	3	58	58
2018	4	65	58
2019	1	81	68
2019	2	84	82
2019	3	80	63
2019	4	82	68
2020	1	61	56
2020	2	44	41
2020	3	59	50
2020	4	54	49
2021	1	59	50
2021	2	51	51
2021	3	88	87
2021	4	90	90
2022	1	68	67
2022	2	83	82
2022	3	107	95
2022	4	95	89

Yours sincerely,



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