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Re:

**PQ10468/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease 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.

**PQ10472/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest 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.

**PQ10481/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

**PQ10485/24:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The rapid access assessment services for Symptomatic Breast Disease (SBD) Clinics operate in each of the 8 designated cancer centres, with one additional breast satellite clinic, and provide a streamlined pathway to diagnostic evaluation and specialist review for these three 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.

The data provided below are as follows:

- The total number of newly referred patients having first attendance at symptomatic breast disease clinics and triaged as urgent 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.
- The total number of newly referred patients having first attendance at symptomatic breast disease clinics and triaged as non-urgent and the number of those seen within 12 weeks 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.



## Triaged as urgent

### Beaumont Hospital

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 10 working days
2016	1	532	531
2016	2	530	530
2016	3	530	530
2016	4	483	482
2017	1	587	586
2017	2	584	583
2017	3	529	529
2017	4	561	561
2018	1	549	549
2018	2	587	587
2018	3	620	620
2018	4	631	631
2019	1	686	678
2019	2	639	639
2019	3	629	629
2019	4	615	613
2020	1	596	592
2020	2	541	539
2020	3	661	656
2020	4	687	682
2021	1	700	697
2021	2	726	725
2021	3	734	731
2021	4	678	677
2022	1	687	686
2022	2	645	645
2022	3	657	654
2022	4	705	702

*Mater Misericordiae University Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 10 working days
2016	1	874	840
2016	2	879	842
2016	3	862	862
2016	4	816	816
2017	1	882	878
2017	2	748	653
2017	3	712	176
2017	4	849	514
2018	1	868	826
2018	2	907	280
2018	3	901	278
2018	4	852	835
2019	1	750	460
2019	2	853	224
2019	3	841	318
2019	4	928	299
2020	1	840	791
2020	2	589	363
2020	3	869	256
2020	4	807	330
2021	1	877	275
2021	2	975	190
2021	3	1050	253
2021	4	940	256
2022	1	1018	262
2022	2	1025	763
2022	3	1067	992
2022	4	1061	890



*Cork University Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 10 working days
<b>2016</b>	1	585	564
<b>2016</b>	2	637	412
<b>2016</b>	3	602	292
<b>2016</b>	4	615	357
<b>2017</b>	1	574	311
<b>2017</b>	2	681	387
<b>2017</b>	3	596	508
<b>2017</b>	4	596	497
<b>2018</b>	1	618	509
<b>2018</b>	2	700	198
<b>2018</b>	3	557	146
<b>2018</b>	4	644	500
<b>2019</b>	1	643	286
<b>2019</b>	2	653	636
<b>2019</b>	3	585	481
<b>2019</b>	4	610	207
<b>2020</b>	1	606	380
<b>2020</b>	2	564	398
<b>2020</b>	3	666	107
<b>2020</b>	4	725	590
<b>2021</b>	1	666	479
<b>2021</b>	2	677	267
<b>2021</b>	3	669	292
<b>2021</b>	4	670	145
<b>2022</b>	1	794	115
<b>2022</b>	2	754	145
<b>2022</b>	3	735	584
<b>2022</b>	4	754	162



*University Hospital Waterford*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 10 working days
2016	1	433	433
2016	2	435	435
2016	3	388	379
2016	4	427	411
2017	1	457	419
2017	2	399	370
2017	3	375	199
2017	4	376	244
2018	1	356	238
2018	2	467	43
2018	3	400	193
2018	4	404	386
2019	1	434	372
2019	2	408	328
2019	3	340	324
2019	4	378	323
2020	1	363	220
2020	2	325	312
2020	3	349	89
2020	4	529	344
2021	1	375	356
2021	2	455	445
2021	3	512	90
2021	4	465	360
2022	1	434	429
2022	2	392	388
2022	3	326	323
2022	4	283	280



## Triaged non-urgent

*Beaumont Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as non-urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 12 weeks
2016	1	615	610
2016	2	566	566
2016	3	529	529
2016	4	547	547
2017	1	594	593
2017	2	513	509
2017	3	560	560
2017	4	598	598
2018	1	670	668
2018	2	704	701
2018	3	646	636
2018	4	766	764
2019	1	738	732
2019	2	781	773
2019	3	668	663
2019	4	752	751
2020	1	714	712
2020	2	548	378
2020	3	632	483
2020	4	990	797
2021	1	764	712
2021	2	831	819
2021	3	606	587
2021	4	681	678
2022	1	743	737
2022	2	658	655
2022	3	553	549
2022	4	582	582



*Mater Misericordiae University Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as non-urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 12 weeks
2016	1	817	635
2016	2	679	402
2016	3	770	400
2016	4	842	572
2017	1	632	484
2017	2	618	335
2017	3	603	317
2017	4	503	184
2018	1	533	194
2018	2	448	232
2018	3	464	254
2018	4	756	358
2019	1	645	390
2019	2	639	395
2019	3	698	405
2019	4	874	479
2020	1	755	631
2020	2	43	43
2020	3	818	662
2020	4	695	666
2021	1	491	337
2021	2	619	230
2021	3	824	429
2021	4	604	425
2022	1	425	420
2022	2	534	512
2022	3	603	530
2022	4	505	473





*Cork University Hospital*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as non-urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 12 weeks
2016	1	832	547
2016	2	889	514
2016	3	877	563
2016	4	781	557
2017	1	895	833
2017	2	818	526
2017	3	732	454
2017	4	802	458
2018	1	830	474
2018	2	878	477
2018	3	798	423
2018	4	800	439
2019	1	913	501
2019	2	933	546
2019	3	868	504
2019	4	798	492
2020	1	732	453
2020	2	200	140
2020	3	345	104
2020	4	799	479
2021	1	403	90
2021	2	470	37
2021	3	324	22
2021	4	1107	286
2022	1	353	106
2022	2	391	51
2022	3	474	38
2022	4	484	40



*University Hospital Waterford*

Year	Quarter	The number of patients triaged as non-urgent by the cancer centre who attended a symptomatic breast clinic	The number of patients that attended or received an appointment to attend within 12 weeks
2016	1	358	177
2016	2	405	110
2016	3	425	89
2016	4	329	80
2017	1	266	108
2017	2	285	101
2017	3	287	100
2017	4	284	104
2018	1	338	119
2018	2	296	97
2018	3	257	67
2018	4	371	59
2019	1	249	43
2019	2	286	69
2019	3	250	57
2019	4	225	67
2020	1	201	47
2020	2	<5	<5
2020	3	39	23
2020	4	305	51
2021	1	58	44
2021	2	467	53
2021	3	467	26
2021	4	561	8
2022	1	473	17
2022	2	554	25
2022	3	621	469
2022	4	537	535

Yours sincerely,



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