



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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PQ 10482/24: 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 Saolta 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,

In response to your parliamentary query, I wish to outline the responses from Galway University Hospital and Letterkenny University Hospital in the tables below:

Galway University Hospital Symptomatic Breast Unit

Year	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks
2016	888	885	758	756	657	529	660	393
2017	779	355	868	386	752	494	824	709
2018	782	770	889	738	777	398	844	377
2019	575	389	651	431	768	574	626	579
2020	600	568	381	187	497	165	452	86
2021	395	45	252	19	208	24	195	15
2022	137	11	170	38	311	27	1083	69
2023	860	268	354	171	768	373	605	569

Letterkenny University Hospital Symptomatic Breast Unit

Year	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks	Seen	Seen within 12 weeks
2016	60	48	113	68	350	49	57	36
2017	89	40	77	55	381	68	241	50
2018	243	60	241	53	189	52	255	57
2019	186	53	205	74	139	43	168	69
2020	354	77	78	50	274	70	328	183
2021	171	121	85	26	205	49	259	64
2022	136	41	285	49	352	61	487	315
2023	332	330	259	257	66	56	164	36

PQ 10469/24: 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 Saolta 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.

***Galway University Hospital Symptomatic Breast Unit**

Year	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Seen	Seen within 10 working days	Seen	Seen within 10 working days	Seen	Seen within 10 working days	Seen	Seen within 10 working days
2016	545	544	558	555	426	383	422	403
2017	474	459	505	488	486	466	441	418
2018	439	435	387	374	414	395	726	387
2019	713	193	748	484	586	510	611	586
2020	633	529	525	509	677	492	938	544
2021	1058	486	913	294	861	191	969	141
2022	1061	240	1086	511	693	158	1094	367
2023	909	666	718	193	1052	154	1186	813

Letterkenny University Hospital Symptomatic Breast Unit

Year	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Seen	Seen within 10 working days	Seen	Seen within 10 working days	Seen	Seen within 10 working days	Seen	Seen within 10 working days
2016	304	302	350	131	268	249	226	147
2017	283	90	240	61	324	153	293	268
2018	296	286	318	308	343	293	360	337
2019	333	295	341	198	289	261	362	348
2020	248	248	189	189	240	240	278	278
2021	291	285	283	230	392	318	349	347
2022	288	206	314	277	282	270	331	215
2023	323	181	385	381	371	360	390	340

*The number of patients seen in Galway University Hospital over the Covid-19 pandemic and cyber-attack impacted heavily on our waiting lists due to social distancing and technology issues respectively. A recovery plan was implement at the end of 2022 through 2023 to address the waiting lists. This plan involved seeing our longest waiting patient first so the number of patients seen within KPI was reduced on previous years until we met our target at the end of 2023.

Our most recent figures from end of January 2024 show that >95% of our Urgent and Non-Urgent patients are being seen within NCCP set KPI's (Urgent patients seen within 10 working days, Non-Urgent patients seen within 84 working days).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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