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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for chemotherapy since their first chemotherapy consultation in increments of one week (i.e., the number waiting one week, two weeks, three weeks, and so on), by CHO, in tabular form; to provide the corresponding data, specifically for Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty**

Dear Deputy,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The NCCP recommend that 80% of all patients referred should commence their chemotherapy within 18 working days of decision to treat at their OPD. This is to allow for any work up or diagnostics needed prior to chemotherapy. Our most recent data (as at 7<sup>th</sup> September) shows that the longest waiter is 13 days over the KPI but this can often be due to clinical reasons or personal choice. The most recent data shows that all patients now have a start date.

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

Yours Sincerely,



**Seán Murphy**  
General Manager  
Letterkenny General Hospital