



An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scagthástála
National Screening Service

12 August 2020

Deputy Alan Kelly
alan.kelly@oireachtas.ie

Our Ref: GM/Communications

PQ18978/20: To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the processing time for colposcopy results by hospital; the number of laboratories examining these biopsies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

Currently, 99.96% of all HPV screening samples received are reported by the screening laboratory within 10 working days. This includes samples taken both in primary care and in colposcopy.

Biopsy samples taken in colposcopy clinics, which are separate to screening tests, are sent to 12 histology laboratories providing histology services to the 15 colposcopy clinics where biopsies are processed and resulted.

The processing time of colposcopy results by hospital is not automatically collected by CervicalCheck, and is not something we can provide at present.

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

Fiona Murphy
Chief Executive
National Screening Service

Teach Óstaí an Rí, 200 Sráid Parnell, Baile Átha Cliath D01 A3Y8. King's Inn House, 200 Parnell Street, Dublin 1, D01 A3Y8.
☎ 353 1 865 9300 ✉ info@screeningservice.ie www.screeningservice.ie



An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scagthástála
National Screening Service



BreastCheck
An Clár Náisiúnta Scagthástála Coik
The National Breast Screening Programme



CervicalCheck
AN CLÁR NAISIÚNTA SCAGHTÁSTÁLA CEIRBEACS
THE NATIONAL CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAMME



BowelScreen
An Clár Náisiúnta Scagthástála Putóige
The National Bowel Screening Programme



Diabetic
RetinaScreen
An Clár Náisiúnta Scagthástála Netim de Dhráibéigh
The National Diabetic Retinal Screening Programme