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Our Ref: HM/Communications

**PQ11925/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who received an invitation to take part in BreastCheck each month in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the percentage of persons who accepted an invitation and subsequently attended a screening appointment in each of the specified months, in tabular form.**

**PQ11926/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who received an invitation to take part in CervicalCheck each month in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the percentage of persons who accepted an invitation and subsequently attended a screening appointment in each of the specified months, in tabular form.**

**PQ11927/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who received an invitation to take part in BowelScreen in each month in 2019, 2020 and to-date in 2021 and the percentage of persons who accepted an invitation and subsequently attended a screening appointment in each of the specified months, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above three Parliamentary Questions which I propose answering in one combined reply. I trust you are supportive of this approach.

**BreastCheck:**

We do not compile this data in monthly format; however, we have supplied quarterly figures. Quarterly figures are compiled in arrears. They are available up to and including Q3 2020, as follows:

	2019				2020		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
<b>Total invited</b>	62,151	50,877	57,222	62,315	56,834	0	0
<b>Total screened</b>	45,776	37,431	43,892	40,788	39,958	0	0
<b>% Uptake</b>	73.7%	73.6%	76.7%	65.5%	70.3%	n/a	n/a

**CervicalCheck:**

We do not have information on cervical invitations but have provided 5-year coverage for the periods in question, and the number screened, as follows:

	2019				2020		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
% of women with at least one satisfactory CC	79.1	79.1	78.9	79.1	78.5	77.1	76.8

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screening in a 5 yr period							
No of women who had a cervical smear within in the reporting period	62,360	81,570	80,331	66,751	51,240	5,256	22,666

**BowelScreen:**

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	2019				2020		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
<b>Total invited</b>	60,735	75,471	79,173	69,825	38,591	0	15,640
<b>Total screened</b>	26,139	34,100	32,900	28,604	14,874	0	9,454
<b>% Uptake</b>	43.04%	45.18%	41.55%	40.97%	38.54%	0.00%	60.45%

Please note that 2020 figures are subject to change as people respond to reminders or act on invitations at a later date.

Screening is for well people who do not have symptoms. Anyone who is worried about symptoms at any time is advised not to wait for screening but to contact their GP immediately, for appropriate follow-up care.

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

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