

Clinical Programme Implementation & Professional Development

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PQ 58794/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals from general practitioners to HSE services by service in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. -David Cullinane

Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ which you submitted.

Please see below two tables outlining the number of referrals by General Practitioners to HSE services by service in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021.

All Referrals to the HSE

Row Labels	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Breast Clinic Referral	35,120	40,394	45,023	120,537
Covid-19 Testing Referral		1,033,480	1,674,311	2,707,791
Endoscopy Referral	7,597	10,514	16,816	34,927
General Referral	362,911	761,900	666,789	1,791,600
Lung Cancer Referral	1,722	1,572	1,548	4,842
Memory Clinic Referral	19	210	473	702
Mental Health Referral	349	639	664	1,652
Neurology Referral	318	246	195	759
Ophthalmology Referral	6,060	7,415	10,425	23,900
Palliative Care Referral	38	133	162	333
Pigmented Lesion Referral	6,193	7,137	9,996	23,326
Prostate Cancer Referral	3,481	3,390	3,419	10,290
Covid 19 Vaccinations Referral			13,763	13,763
Grand Total	423,808	1,867,030	2,443,584	4,734,422

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Referrals Excluding Voluntaries

Row Labels	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Breast Clinic Referral	15,780	18,006	19,572	53,358
Covid-19 Testing Referral		1,033,480	1,674,311	2,707,791
Endoscopy Referral	2,941	3,645	7,664	14,250
General Referral	209,216	566,337	403,289	1,178,842
Lung Cancer Referral	934	862	853	2,649
Memory Clinic Referral	1	28	117	146
Mental Health Referral	82	251	307	640
Ophthalmology Referral	3,847	4,303	5,814	13,964
Palliative Care Referral	38	133	162	333
Pigmented Lesion Referral	2,343	2,954	4,232	9,529
Prostate Cancer Referral	1,822	1,944	1,934	5,700
Covid 19 Vaccinations Referral			13,763	13,763
Grand Total	237,004	1,631,943	2,132,018	4,000,965

Please note these figures in the first table include referrals to Voluntary Hospitals who are delivering these services as contracted to the HSE but I have also included a table reflecting the number of referrals that have gone to HSE statutory hospitals for your information.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

