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PQ20434/22* *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons between the ages of 0 to 24 years of age who have travelled overseas for specialist cancer treatment not available in Ireland between 2016 and 2021; the number of these who travelled under the EU Cross Border Directive; and if he will present this data in tabular form.”*

PQ20433/22* *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged 25 years or older who have travelled overseas for specialist cancer treatment not available in Ireland between 2016 and 2021; the number of these who travelled under the EU Cross Border Directive; and if he will present this data in tabular form.”*

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

Thank you for your PQ above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

In general terms the HSE Cross Border Directive (CBD) allows for a patient to choose to access healthcare which they would be entitled to receive in the public health system in Ireland. I can confirm that no patients accessed healthcare under the CBD for cancer treatment not available in Ireland.

The table below provides the data requested in relations to patients who travelled abroad under the HSE Treatment Abroad Scheme.

Year Patient Travelled Abroad	No. of approved patients aged 0-24 years	No. of approved patients aged 25+ years	All
2016	7	16	23
2017	Data not available*		0
2018	Data not releasable**		40
2019	25	38	63
2020	18	36	54
2021	18	55	73
Total All Years	69	184	253

**Data for the year 2017 is not available to the scheme due to corruption of data.*

***To ensure patient confidentiality, only data where an occurrence of 5 or more is evident can be release.
However, we have provided the total data for your reference.*

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via catherinet.donohoe@hsc.ie.

Yours sincerely,



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