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**PQ 5453/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of general practitioner referrals to rapid access clinics in each quarter of each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Peadar Tóibín**

Deputy Tóibín,

Thank you for your PQ which has been passed to us for response. We apologise for the delay in responding.

Please see below a table outlining the number of referrals by General Practitioners to rapid access clinics in each quarter of the past five years. This data is provided by eHealth and Disruptive Technologies as captured on the Healthlink system.

	2017				2017 Total
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
Breast Clinic Orig Referral	6,437	6,041	5,719	6,101	24,298
Lung Cancer Referral	360	283	233	271	1,147
Prostate Cancer Referral	504	405	421	543	1,873
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,301</b>	<b>6,729</b>	<b>6,373</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>27,318</b>
	2018				2018 Total
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
Breast Clinic Orig Referral	7,166	8,153	7,392	8,707	31,418
Lung Cancer Referral	376	368	359	350	1,453
Prostate Cancer Referral	514	637	652	771	2,574
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,056</b>	<b>9,158</b>	<b>8,403</b>	<b>9,828</b>	<b>35,445</b>
	2019				2019 Total
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
Breast Clinic Orig Referral	9,505	8,422	8,179	9,014	35,120
Lung Cancer Referral	422	467	407	426	1,722
Prostate Cancer Referral	825	880	858	918	3,481
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,752</b>	<b>9,769</b>	<b>9,444</b>	<b>10,358</b>	<b>40,323</b>
	2020				2020 Total
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
Breast Clinic Orig Referral	8,660	8,635	10,504	12,595	40,394
Lung Cancer Referral	502	328	354	388	1,572
Prostate Cancer Referral	836	590	889	1,075	3,390
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,998</b>	<b>9,553</b>	<b>11,747</b>	<b>14,058</b>	<b>45,356</b>



	2021				2021 Total
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
Breast Clinic Orig Referral	12,786	310	57	25	13,178
Lung Cancer Referral	389	297	469	493	1,648
Prostate Cancer Referral	788	613	1,052	1,221	3,674
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,963</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>18,500</b>

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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