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To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for urgent and non-urgent referrals to the symptomatic breast cancer clinic at University Hospital Galway; the number of patients that are on the urgent and non-urgent referral waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Seán Canney.

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

Please note, the Symptomatic Breast Unit UHG have assigned 2 categories in the context of Urgent referrals as assigned by the Consultant who reviews all referrals.

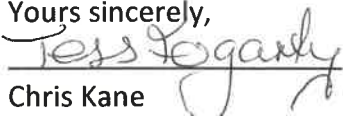
1. Urgent referrals are booked directly to clinic in approximately 2 - 4 weeks - (no waiting list) the most urgent are given priority and marked by Lead Clinician as to which they need to prioritise on a case by case basis.

2. Urgent 1 referrals date back to 1st November 2021 approximately 17 weeks for the longest waiter and there 579 on this waiting list as of 24.02.22

Non- urgent patients date back to 1st April 2021 for the longest waiter and there are 1226 on this waiting list as of 24.2.22.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,


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Chris Kane

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