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Deputy Alan Farrell

Dáil Éireann

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**Re: PQ 31375/22** - *To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a patient to access the cancer genetics clinic in St. James's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Farrell,

All referrals received in the Cancer Genetics Clinic are reviewed by a consultant, and appointments are prioritised and scheduled according to clinical urgency.

The current waiting times for appointments are:

Urgent to be seen: 1 to 4 weeks

As soon as possible: 1 to 16 weeks, depending on the availability of appointments.

Routine appointments: 18 - 24 months. The next available is an 18 to 24-month average wait time for routine appointments.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Noel Gorman

Chief Operations Officer