

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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**Re: PQ/50228/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a patient referred for oncology care in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Farrell,

I refer to the recent PQ made regarding oncology care in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that our KPI for Medical Oncology- time of decision to treat with chemotherapy to being treated last month was 100%.

We have done a lot of work around scheduling patients for chemotherapy and over the last 6 months, on average our KPI is over 95%. Patients for chemotherapy are prioritised. We introduced a longer working day in June 2021 and a new scheduling system which has helped increase the KPI.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

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