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Deputy Peadar Tóibín TD  
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Our Ref: GM/Communications

**PQ44676.22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons screened by Cervical Check in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022.**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

The total number of persons screened by CervicalCheck - at either primary care or colposcopy - in each of the past ten years is shown in the table above. Verified data for 2022 is not yet available.

Year	Number of persons screened
2011	296,479
2012	324,810
2013	344,500
2014	289,170
2015	272,471
2016	276,450
2017	279,893
2018*	355,745
2019	229,176
2020	168,792
2021	333,437
2022†	110,379

\*Year women availed of the offer of a free out-of-schedule screening test

† Provisional data from the beginning of January to the end of May 2022, and subject to change

Please note that in March 2020 cervical screening in Ireland changed from cytology screening (smear test) to HPV cervical screening. The figures in this table are therefore not the number of smear tests but the total number of persons screened (either cytology-led or HPV-led screening) in this time period.

The CervicalCheck programme was paused during April, May and June 2020 on public health advice because of the situation with COVID-19. Despite the many restrictions the pandemic placed on our operations, the programme is up to date with invites for screening.

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For other queries, programme participants can call the Freephone information line on 1800 45 45 55; email: [info@screeningservice.ie](mailto:info@screeningservice.ie); or contact their clinic directly.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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