



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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PQ16870/23 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in the Saolta University Health Care Group for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period, in tabular form. -Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Surveillance mammogram appointments for the all hospitals in the Saolta Group take place at the Symptomatic Breast Centre at University Hospital Galway, at the Health Centre in Castlebar, Co. Mayo and in Letterkenny University Hospital. The table below provides the figures for patients who are diagnosed with breast cancer and awaiting surveillance mammogram.

2019 ORDERS

Priority	UCHG	Mayo	Total
08 SD 12 months	2	2	4
09 SD 18 months		1	1
12 SD 36+ months	1		1
Grand Total	3	3	6

**All these scans are specified dates with previous appointments scheduled, postponed due to personal reasons*

2020 ORDERS

Priority	UCHG	Mayo	Total
04 Non-Urgent	3		3
05 SD 3 months	3		3
06 SD 6 months	9	1	10
07 SD 9 months	2		2
08 SD 12 months	13	6	19
09 SD 18 months	3		3
10 SD 24 months	1	1	2
Grand Total	34	8	42

**A proportion of these patients had previous appointments scheduled, however postponed due to personal reasons.*

2021 ORDERS

Priority	UCHG	Mayo	Total
04 Non-Urgent	4	1	5
05 SD 3 months	37	5	42
06 SD 6 months	14	4	18
07 SD 9 months	11	1	12
08 SD 12 months	69	23	92
09 SD 18 months	11	3	14
10 SD 24 months	3	1	4
11 SD 36 months	2		2
12 SD 36+ months	2		2
Grand Total	153	38	191

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2022 ORDERS

Priority	UCHG	Mayo	Total
04 Non-Urgent	351	93	444
05 SD 3 months	240	45	285
06 SD 6 months	145	39	184
07 SD 9 months	99	33	132
08 SD 12 months	364	123	487
09 SD 18 months	16	2	18
10 SD 24 months	3		3
Grand Total	1218	335	1553

**These patients have specified dates. Due to be scheduled in 2023. * A proportion of these patients had previous appointments scheduled, however postponed due to personal reasons.*

2023 ORDERS

Priority	UCHG	Mayo	Total
04 Non-Urgent	482	241	723
05 SD 3 months	163	99	262
06 SD 6 months	85	33	118
07 SD 9 months	58	24	82
08 SD 12 months	101	50	151
09 SD 18 months	1		1
10 SD 24 months	1	1	2
Grand Total	892	448	1340

**These patients have specified dates. Due to be scheduled in 2023 / 2024 period.*

Symptomatic Breast Unit in Letterkenny

Mammogram following Breast Cancer Diagnosis				
Breast Centre North West	Due 2022	Due 2023	Due 2024	Total
Diagnosed 2020		66	19	85
Diagnosed 2021		52	20	72
Diagnosed 2022	2	47	23	72
Diagnosed 2023	0	0	20	20

*Pts waiting on follow up mammogram appts 2023 & 2024 all have mammogram scheduled

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

Yours sincerely,



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