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Re: PQ 16871/23 – Bowel Cancer

“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 Ireland East Hospital Group for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, by each hospital and waiting time period in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Bacik,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer in the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined, please see data below:

The Mater Misericordia e University Hospital	Unfortunately, we do not have this information available in the format it has been requested. Below is the demand for mammograms we have for cancer patients annually, along with the number of mammograms we completed over the last 3 years. Unfortunately this includes all mammograms: baseline screening for >35 years old new patients, diagnostic referrals for mammogram only, atypia screening, fhx surveillance etc. Extracting cancer screening mammograms from this cohort is currently impossible, as all the mammograms are booked using the same code. It is also worth noting that the demand detailed below is not inclusive of the breast check patients that we take on annually. At present, thanks to two mammogram insourcing initiatives (one last year and one ongoing), there is no patient delayed longer than a month without contact being made to offer a date for their surveillance mammogram”.				
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		2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD 28/02/23
	Total Discharged Surveillance >5 yr post cancer diagnosis	2,899	3,093	3,430	3,533
Total breast cancers diagnosed 2020 - 2022	381	337	447	74	



	Surveillance Patients within 5 yr post cancer diagnosis	1,930	1,900	1,844	1,898															
	Total	5,210	5,330	5,721	5,505															
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	Mammograms completed	9,974	8,612	*10706	**1,778															
*898 were completed as part of an insourcing initiative																				
**201 were completed as part of an ongoing insourcing initiative																				
St Vincent's University Hospital	<p>I have had this matter examined and am advised that the number of persons previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment in St. Vincent's University Hospital for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023 are as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5" style="text-align: center;">St Vincent's University Hospital Radiology Department</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Year mammogram was ordered</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2020</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2021</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2022</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2023 (to date)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">36</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					St Vincent's University Hospital Radiology Department					Year mammogram was ordered	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to date)	Number of persons who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up mammogram appointment	0	0	36	19
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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Paul Gallagher
Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery

