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2nd May 2023

Ms. Ivana Bacik, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 16875/23 *“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 RCSI Hospital Group, in 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,

The RCSI Hospital Group has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

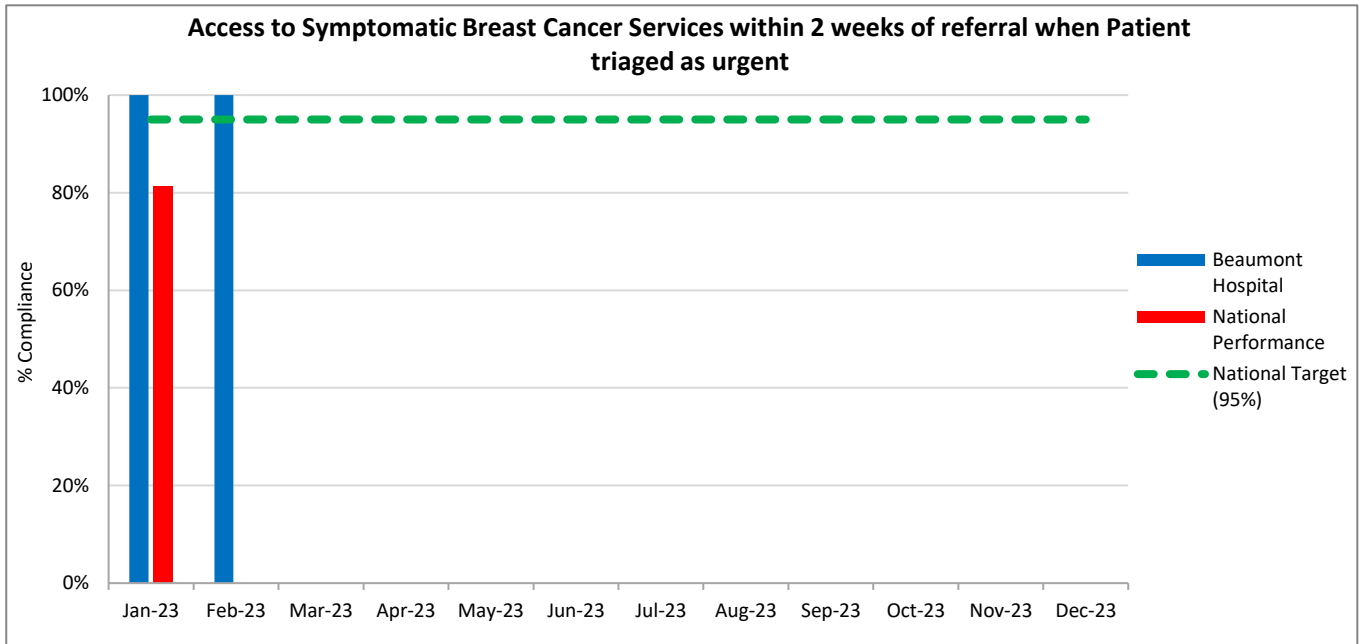
Symptomatic Breast Disease Clinics for patients with suspected breast disease have been established by the HSE’s National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) in the eight designated cancer centres, Beaumont Hospital being one of the centres.

The performance of each centre in meeting access targets for both urgent and non-urgent patients is monitored by the NCCP and is reviewed on a monthly basis.

Target Framework:

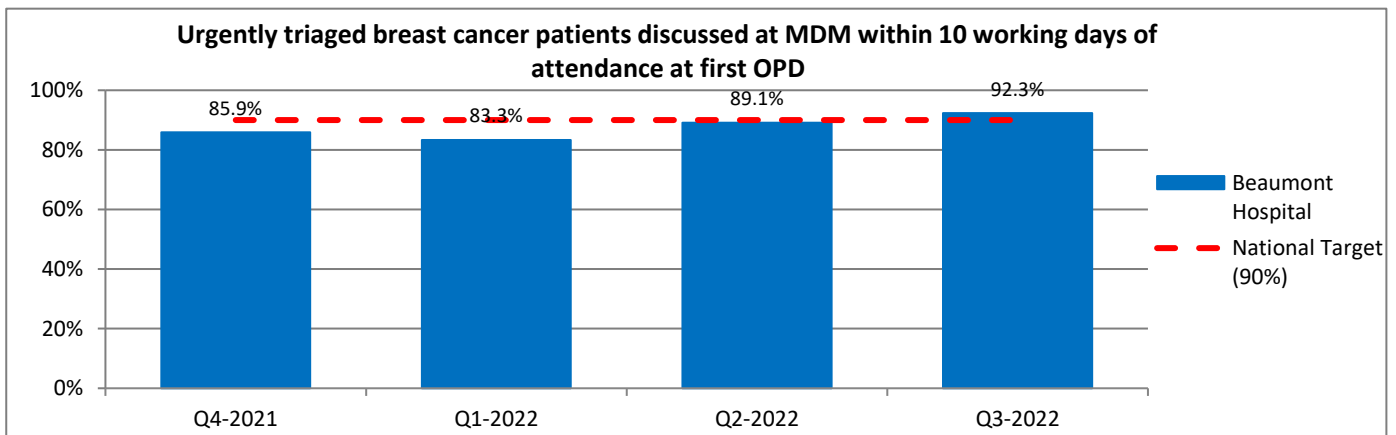
- 95% of attendances whose referral was triaged as urgent by the cancer centre and attended or were offered an appointment within 2 weeks
- 90% of breast cancer patients triaged as urgent are discussed at MDM within 10 working days of attendance at first OPD
- 90% of patients with primary invasive or in situ breast tumours are offered surgery within 20 working days of MDM
- 90% of primary breast cancer patients commenced radiation therapy within 84 days of their final therapeutic surgical procedure
- 80% of primary breast cancer patients commenced radiation therapy within 28 days of completing chemotherapy

Performance:

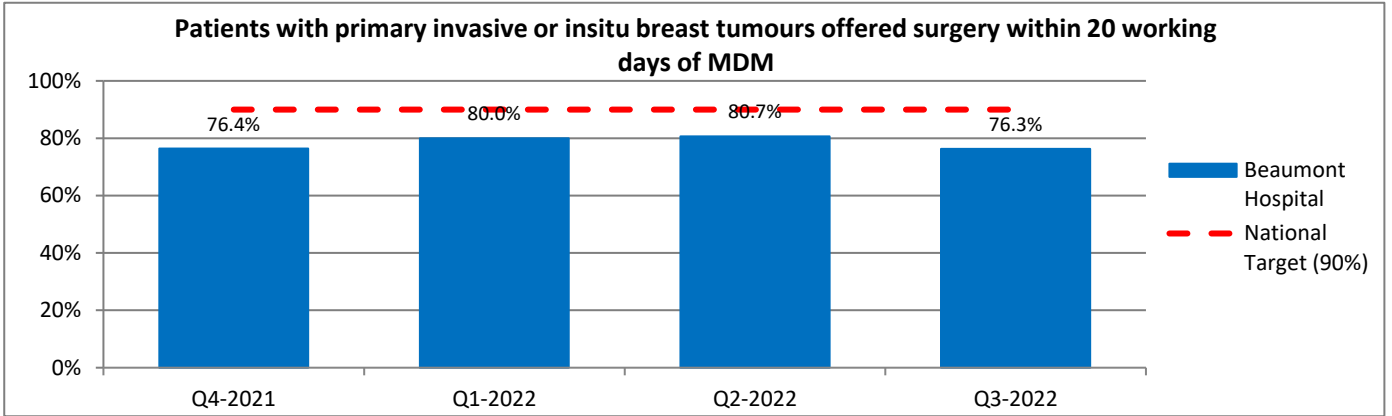


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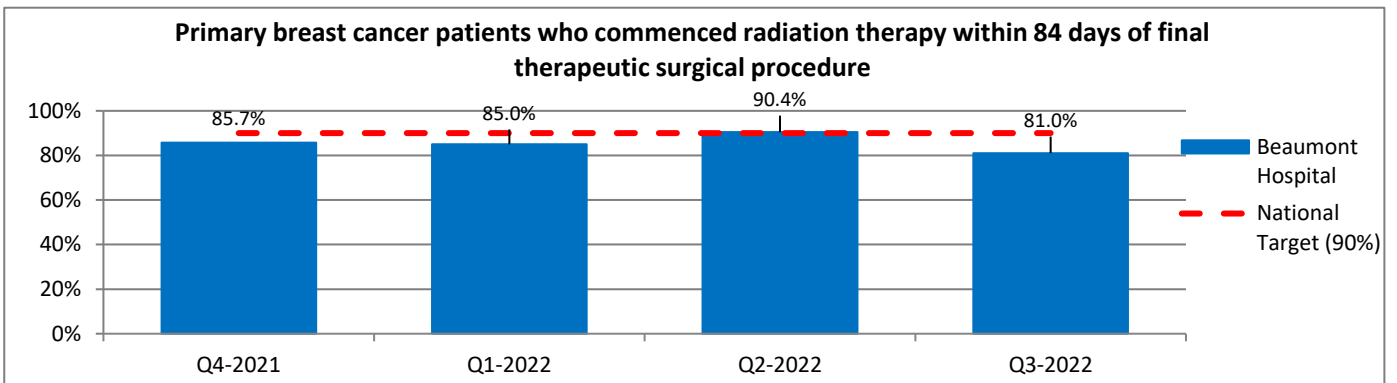
- Beaumont Hospital exceeded National Target set for 2023 reporting period (100% achieved against a target of 95%). National performance for January 2023 (81.3%) did not achieve target. National performance for February 2023 unavailable at time of report publication.



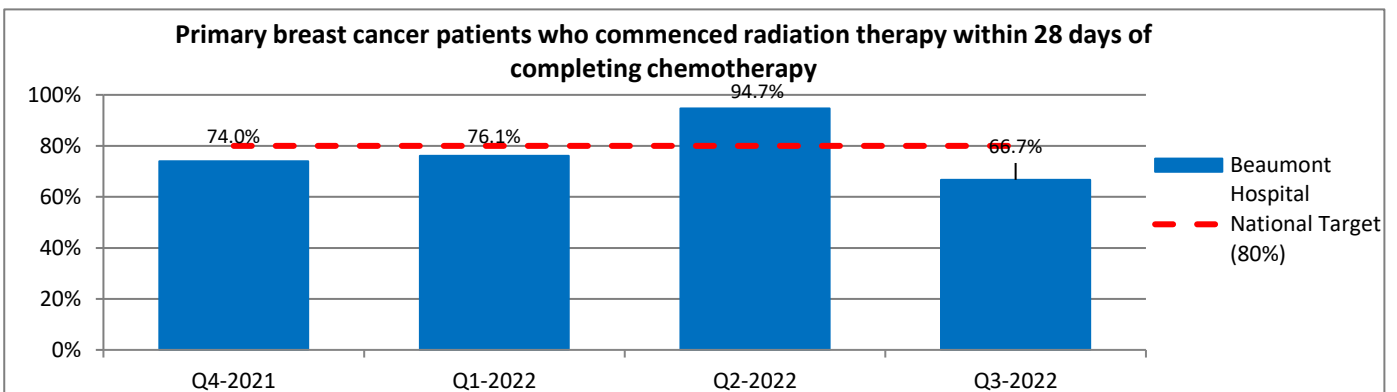
- 92.3% compliant Q3 2022



- National performance not published
- 76.3% compliant Q3 2022



- National performance not published
- 81.0% compliant Q3 2022



- National performance not published
- 66.7% compliant Q3 2022
- national performance not published



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We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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