



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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PQ6876/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy in the Saolta University Health Care Group in 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.

Saolta cannot correlate patients diagnosed with bowel cancer and subsequent follow up colonoscopy procedures from our surveillance waiting lists or from our systems.

Follow up procedures are staged or timed where the consultant will indicate the date/year the patient should be re scoped (i.e. 6 months, 1 year, 3 years etc.). Please note these patients are not actively waiting or due a colonoscopy until their indicative year meaning a total number does not reflect those actually due.

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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