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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 University Limerick Hospitals 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 Backik,

The Health Service Executive 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.

I have been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that it is not possible to correlate the data requested in relation to the number of persons who were previously diagnosed with bowel cancer and who are waiting for a recommended follow-up colonoscopy.

Clinical judgement is used when scheduling follow-up care including colonoscopies for this cohort of patients. As such, patients are not placed on an active waiting list for this follow-up care.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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