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Deputy Ivana Bacik,  
Dáil Eireann,  
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**PQ Ref 16880/23**

***\*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 South/South West 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\****

**- Deputy Ivana Bacik**

Dear Deputy Bacik,

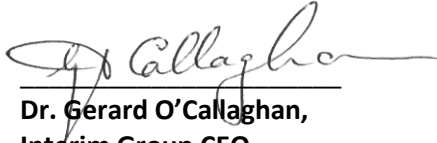
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The two designated Cancer Centres of Excellence providing Bowel Cancer Services in the South/South West Hospital Group are Cork University Hospital (CUH) and University Hospital Waterford (UHW).

Hospitals in the South/South West Hospital Group currently manage their bowel cancer patient cohort within their general endoscopy surveillance waiting list and all patients are treated within their recommended clinical timeline. Due to this, we are therefore unable to provide data in the format you requested.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. O'Callaghan", written over a horizontal line.

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