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REF: PQ 2627/23

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for routine and urgent appointments, respectively referred to the breast clinic at Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, once a referral is received in the Symptomatic Breast Unit at GUH, this referral is triaged within 1-2 days. The current waiting time for an urgent appointment is 10 working days. The current waiting time for a routine appointment is 84 days (including weekends).

Currently the majority of patients are being seen within these target timelines. However, some patients who may not be seen within this timeframe may be attributed to other factors such as the patient's availability to attend or their requirement to reschedule for another reason.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
General Manager
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