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**Re.**

**PQ3782/23:** To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for cervical cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for cervical cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ3785/23:** To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for colorectal cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for colorectal cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ3786/23:** To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for stomach cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for stomach cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ3787/23:** To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for brain cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for brain cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ3788/23:** To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients who had surgery for bladder cancer; the number and proportion seen within the NCCP target timeframe for bladder cancer surgeries in each quarter in each of the years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) collates a subset of aggregate data related to specific tumours, including data pertaining to rapid access services for people with suspected breast, lung and prostate cancer, and more limited data for a number of other tumour types.

PQ3782/23: The NCCP do not collect Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on cervical cancer and are therefore unable to comment on the number or timeliness of cervical cancer surgery.

PQ3785/23: The NCCP do not collect Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on colorectal cancer and are therefore unable to comment on the number or timeliness of colorectal cancer surgery.

PQ3786/23: The NCCP do not collect Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on stomach cancer and are therefore unable to comment on the number or timeliness of stomach cancer surgery.

PQ3787/23: The NCCP do not collect Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on brain cancer and are therefore unable to comment on the number or timeliness of brain cancer surgery.

PQ3788/23: The NCCP do not collect Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on bladder cancer and are therefore unable to comment on the number or timeliness of bladder cancer surgery.

The NCCP engage closely with Clinical teams across the cancer centres with regard to service challenges, service quality and prospects for service developments to improve patient pathways. NCCP also work with the National Surgical Clinical Programme regarding all cancer surgeries and surgical pathways.

Yours sincerely



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