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To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of cancer treatment patients receiving a treatment summary and care plan in each of the years 2017 to 2023, in tabular form. -Johnny Guirke

Dear Deputy Guirke,

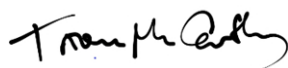
Recommendation 40 of the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026 states that
All hospitals will offer patients a Patient Treatment Summary and Care Plan as part of their support. These plans will allow patients to store information about their cancer, their cancer treatment and their follow up care. The plans will also inform future healthcare providers.

It is currently not possible to assess the proportion of patients with a cancer diagnosis who receive such plans. However, much work has progressed in the development and implementation of different approaches to the provision of a treatment summary and care plan.

For patients with a diagnosis of colorectal cancer, a patient passport has been developed and this is in use in all cancer centres. A patient and service evaluation has been completed and results are very positive. National rollout is continuing.

A Treatment Summary & Care Plan for patients with prostate cancer is being introduced in conjunction with stratified self-managed follow up pathways. A similar approach will be taken for those diagnosed with breast cancer with the essential components for inclusion on the Breast Treatment Summary & Care Plan. A minimum data set for what should be included has been agreed. The form and content will be designed with patient partners. Work is also underway within the National Cancer Information System to design a general treatment summary.

Yours sincerely,



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