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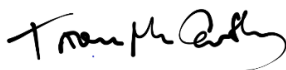
**PQ30577/23 To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients on cancer therapeutic clinical trials in each of the years 2012 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Guirke

The National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026 includes a key performance indicator relating to the percentage of patients on cancer therapeutic clinical trials. Unfortunately the necessary data to report on this indicator is not available.

The National Cancer Control Programme will continue to work with key stakeholders, including Clinicians, Hospitals, Academia, the Department of Health and the Health Research Board to enable clinical trials in Ireland and to improve availability of data on clinical trial activity. The National Cancer Information System (NCIS) will also support the gathering of cancer clinical trial activity as it is rolled out across the publicly funded cancer services.

Yours sincerely,



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