



An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scagthástála
National Screening Service

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PQ15506/23: To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken in response to recommendations contained in the Independent Rapid Review of Specific Issues in the CervicalCheck Screening Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

On July 11 2019, Paul Reid, the-then CEO of the HSE, commissioned Professor Brian MacCraith to conduct an independent and rapid review of delays in issuing cervical screening HPV retest results to a large cohort of women and their General Practitioners.

These delays related to one of Quest Diagnostics' laboratories based at Chantilly in Virginia USA. Professor MacCraith was asked to examine the series of events within the CervicalCheck programme that occurred following the delays. The report was presented in August 2019 and contained nine recommendations.

The recommendations made by Prof MacCraith were accepted in full by CervicalCheck, the National Screening Service and the HSE and implemented in conjunction with the recommendations made by Dr Scally in his CervicalCheck Scoping Inquiry reports. I can report that the HSE and NSS have completed all recommendations contained in the 2019 MacCraith review.

For details please see: Implementation of Prof MacCraith Report: Review by the National Screening Service here <https://www.screeningservice.ie/publications/Implementation-of-Prof-MacCraith-Report-Review-by-NSS-FINAL22022023.pdf>

As advised by Prof MacCraith in recommendation 5, the implementation of the recommendations from the MacCraith report was integrated into the remit of the existing Oversight Group for Scally Report Implementation. Therefore it may be informative for you to also read: Implementation of Dr Scally Reports A Review by the National Screening Service <https://www.screeningservice.ie/publications/FINAL-Implementation-of-Dr-Scally-Reports-A-Review-by-NSS.pdf>

I trust this information is of assistance to you, should you have any further queries please contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

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