



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
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**PQ Number 10064/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Saolta Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. -Thomas Pringle**

Dear Deputy Pringle,

In response to your parliamentary query, I wish to outline that the KPI for prostate is *"Patients referred to RAC shall be offered an appointment to attend within 20 working days of receipt of referral"* and the table below reflects the numbers of patients seen within 20 working days. Patients attend the rapid lung access clinic in Galway University Hospital and the below table represents number of patients seen:

Year	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Attended	Seen within 20 working days	Attended	Seen within 20 working days	Attended	Seen within 20 working days	Attended	Seen within 20 working days
2016	143	137	165	95	157	146	138	136
2017	170	166	150	150	149	149	133	133
2018	150	149	160	159	160	160	199	198
2019	202	190	252	157	228	128	162	55
2020	226	38	51	12	118	28	176	24
2021	168	36	145	18	199	54	218	98
2022	226	109	223	185	255	225	202	202
2023	266	251	241	224	270	230	128	115

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

Yours sincerely,

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