

19th March 2024

Mr Thomas Pringle
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 10087 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Ireland East Hospital Group within ten 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

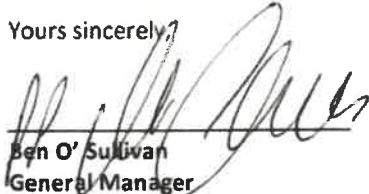
Dear Deputy Pringle

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I set out in the attached Appendix data relating to attendance at Lung Rapid Access Clinic at University Hospital Waterford.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Ben O'Sullivan
General Manager

**University Hospital Waterford
Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital**

Rapid Access Lung Clinic 2016-2023

	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	New Appointments	Attendances	New Appointments	Attendances	New Appointments	Attendances	New Appointments	Attendances
2016	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	48	48
2017	72	71	83	82	65	60*	67	67
2018	80	78*	88	84*	58	58	65	58*
2019	81	68*	84	83*	80	63	82	68*
2020	61	56*	44	41	59	50*	54	49*
2021	59	50	51	51	88	87*	90	90
2022	68	67	83	82	107	95*	95	89
2023	84	60	80	41	86	69*	101	75*

* Reasons for non-achievement of target in some cases: Medical Reasons; Personal Choice