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Mr Johnny Guirke TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 18899 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people triaged as URGENT who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic; the proportion who were offered an appointment in University Hospital Waterford, now managed by Dublin and South East Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2024**

Dear Deputy Guirke

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 hereunder the requested data pertaining to patients triaged as URGENT who attended the Symptomatic Breast Disease 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 Kilkree  
Regional Orthopaedic Hospital

	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4		
	Appointments Offered	Within Time Frame	Proportion	Appointments Offered	Within Time Frame	Proportion	Appointments Offered	Within Time Frame	Proportion	Appointments Offered	Within Time Frame	Proportion
Year												
2016	433	433	100.00%	435	435	100.00%	388	379	97.68%	427	411	96.25%
2017	457	419	91.68%	399	370	92.73%	375	199	53.07%	376	244	64.89%
2018	356	238	66.85%	467	43	9.21%	400	193	48.25%	404	386	95.54%
2019	434	372	85.71%	408	328	80.39%	340	324	95.29%	378	323	85.45%
2020	363	220	60.61%	325	312	96.00%	349	89	25.50%	529	344	65.03%
2021	375	356	94.93%	455	445	97.80%	512	90	17.58%	465	360	77.42%
2022	434	429	98.85%	392	388	98.98%	326	323	99.08%	283	280	98.94%
2023	318	318	100.00%	295	295	100.00%	307	304	99.02%	305	305	100%
2024	299	299	100.00%	316	316	100.00%	299	299	100%	299	299	100%

Patients Triaged as Urgent