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Deputy Erin McGreehan,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ Number 6993/25 -

‘To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic; the proportion who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Saolta 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, in tabular form.’

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

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 this matter and the following outlines the position:

The Rapid Access Lung (RAL) clinics in HSE West and North West are held at Galway University Hospitals (GUH). The Rapid Access Lung Programme is one of the busiest RAL's the country and one of the best performing. Lung Cancer is the third most common cancer in Ireland and the incidence of lung Cancer is predicted to rise by 131% in males & 105% in females by 2045. These predicted increases are already tangible in Galway as GP's refer increasing numbers to the RAL programme.

The Table below outlines the total number of people attending the clinic p.a. and the number who were offered an appointment in line with the criteria set out in the Q above.

GUH Rapid Access Lung Clinic (RAC)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
The number of patients that attended a Lung RAC	498	609	649	571	525	563	786	877	1148
The number received an appointment within 10 working days	455	570	621	520	470	543	757	589	935
KPI Performance %	91.40%	94.53%	95.69%	91.07%	89.52%	96.45%	96.31%	67.16%	81.45%



I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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