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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 South/South West 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 you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I have attached the Rapid Access Lung data as requested for CUH. Please note the years are separate for 2016 to 2018 as a new registry was set up for lung data in 2019 so the data from then is from an older database.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Deirdre O’Keeffe
Interim Chief Executive Officer

| Count of No of Working Days Between Referral Date & Appointment Offered/Date of CT 2016 to 2018 | | | | | | |
|--|----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|------|
| 2016 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Grand Total | |
| Breach | | 27 | 98 | 56 | 23 | 204 |
| Within KPI | | 66 | 20 | 61 | 69 | 216 |
| 2017 | | | | | | |
| Breach | | 46 | 81 | 61 | 14 | 202 |
| Within KPI | | 70 | 35 | 31 | 73 | 209 |
| 2018 | | | | | | |
| Breach | | 64 | 48 | 23 | 10 | 145 |
| Within KPI | | 64 | 59 | 59 | 67 | 249 |
| Grand Total | | 337 | 341 | 291 | 256 | 1225 |

Date of First Appointment Offered (All)

| Count of No of Working Days Between Referral Date & Appointment Offered/Date of CT 2019 to 2024 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|-------------|
| | Column Labels | | | | |
| | Qtr1 | Qtr2 | Qtr3 | Qtr4 | Grand Total |
| 2019 | | | | | |
| Breach | 20 | 18 | 22 | 13 | 73 |
| Within KPI | 86 | 52 | 72 | 61 | 271 |
| 2020 | | | | | |
| Breach | 39 | 5 | 20 | 36 | 100 |
| Within KPI | 46 | 40 | 57 | 56 | 199 |
| 2021 | | | | | |
| Breach | 6 | 11 | 40 | 29 | 86 |
| Within KPI | 51 | 63 | 31 | 59 | 204 |
| 2022 | | | | | |
| Breach | 25 | 25 | 59 | 13 | 122 |
| Within KPI | 70 | 62 | 32 | 57 | 221 |
| 2023 | | | | | |
| Breach | 30 | 46 | 23 | 10 | 109 |
| Within KPI | 65 | 58 | 91 | 72 | 286 |
| 2024 | | | | | |
| Breach | 8 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 28 |
| Within KPI | 119 | 111 | 102 | 101 | 433 |
| Grand Total | 565 | 498 | 558 | 511 | 2132 |