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

RE: PQ Number 6999/25 – ‘To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who attended a Prostate 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 Prostate Clinics in HSE West and North West are held at Galway University Hospitals (GUH). The Rapid Access Prostate Programme is the busiest in the country and has grown exponentially over the years. The loss of two key staff members in 2023 impacted KPI performance in 2024, this is now rectified and there is a plan to recover the KPI's in 2025.

Please note that the KPI's recorded for Rapid Access Prostate clinic is 20 working days. Therefore, the data recorded in the table below relates to appointments received within 20 working days and reported per annum.

Rapid Access Prostate	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
The number of patients that attended a Prostate RAC	603	602	669	844	571	730	906	905	1036
The number received an appointment within <u>20</u> working days	514	598	666	530	102	206	721	820	118
KPI Performance %	85.20%	95.34%	99.55%	62.80%	17.86%	28.22%	79.58%	90.61%	11.39%

I hope this clarifies the matter.



Yours sincerely,

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