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Re.

8058/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who were diagnosed with cervical cancer following gynaecology consultation in 2023 and to date in 2024.

14036/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer in the last five years under the age of 50.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) collates a subset of summary (aggregate) data related to specific tumours, including data pertaining to rapid access services for people with suspected breast, lung and prostate cancer, and more limited data for a number of other tumour types. The NCCP do not routinely collect Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on cervical cancer and are therefore unable to comment on the number of cervical cancers diagnosed. The NCCP do not collect age specific data in relation to the number of breast cancers diagnosed.

The National Cancer Registry of Ireland (NCRI) has a statutory obligation to collate information in relation to cancer incidence, prevalence, stage at diagnosis, treatment, survival and mortality. While information on the number of cancer cases may be available at an early stage, complete information on treatments and staging is obtained from the medical records of patients, with a significant associated time lag. This type of information will normally only be made available 2 to 3 years after the year of incidence, in keeping with international standards. Any person can get information on cancer from the Registry. The NCRI produce an annual report and a summary report, both of which are in local libraries and are available from the Registry. A wide range of information is also available at www.ncri.ie including an online tool for reporting incidence by tumour type and year which is freely available at:

<https://www.ncri.ie/data/incidence-statistics>

Yours sincerely,

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