





17th July 2025

Deputy David Cullinane Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

<u>Re</u>: PQ 37945/25 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of units of treatment delivered utilising a linear accelerator which were delivered through <u>insourcing</u> in 2024, for each statutory and section 38 hospital, in tabular form."

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

In response to PQ37945/25 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of units of treatment delivered utilising a linear accelerator which were delivered through insourcing in 2024, for each statutory and section 38 hospital, in tabular form."

St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) comprises of SLRON at Beaumont, SLRON at St. James's Hospital and SLRON at St. Luke's Hospital Rathgar.

A radiotherapy fraction refers to a dose of radiation delivered to a patient in the course of one visit to a Radiotherapy Department.

Line 4 on table 1 below shows the number of fractions delivered through insourcing or on call services.

	Metric	2024
1	Linacs Available in SLRON	12.5 (on average across 2024)
2	Total SLRON fractions treated	74795
3	SLRON Fractions treated through core activity	66357
4	SLRON Fractions treated through insourcing / on call services	8438

Table 1 Fractions Delivered in SLRON through insourcing or on call services

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Pours since rely,

Jenn fer Carey

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