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Deputy Pádraig Rice TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re PQ 42617 25: *To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on contracting out radiotherapy treatment for public patients to private providers in each of the years 2020 to 2024, by hospital, in tabular form.*

PQ 42618 25: *To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on contracting out radiotherapy treatment for public patients to private providers to date in 2025, by hospital, in tabular form.*

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQs above have been referred to me for response.

Please see the table in **Appendix 1** below which shows the total expenditure on contracting out radiotherapy treatment (RT) for public patients to private providers in the years 2020 to 2024 and for year to date July 2025, by hospital. The data was sourced from the HSE regional finance units and is for HSE Statutory services only.

In 2023 St Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) costs increased significantly due to the breakdown of ageing equipment (beyond end-of-life), closure of some Linac machines due to a reduction in staff to operate the remaining open machines and an increase in demand for RT services. All fourteen linacs at SLRON are ageing and are beyond end of life. Unplanned downtime increased negatively due to machine failures, impacting on capacity. The level of contracting out costs for SLRON reduced from this level in 2024 due to an improvement in staffing in late 2024. A major equipment replacement programme and an expansion programme are currently underway at SLRON.

Costs for University Hospital Waterford have increased in 2025 as a result of a change in pricing structure following a recent procurement process.

The challenges facing Radiotherapy services are kept under constant Clinical and Managerial review by the HSE / National Cancer Control Programme through monitoring processes such as Key Performance Indicators. HSE Patients are regularly assessed and triaged in line with national clinical guidance to prioritise as required. If necessary patients are facilitated to cross sites and/or utilise private radiotherapy capacity if available.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1 to PQs 42617 25 & 42618 25

Table 1

HSE spend on contracting out radiotherapy treatment for public patients for the years 2020 to 2024 and for the period Jan-July 2025							
HSE Statutory services only							
Region	Location	July Ytd 2025 €000's	2024 €000's	2023 €000's	2022 €000's	2021 €000's	2020 €000's
HSE West and North West	Saolta	2,572	3,937	3,759	3,514	3,352	3,150
HSE Dublin and Midlands	St Luke's Rathgar	3,192	4,657	6,845	426	127	97
HSE Mid West	University Hospital Limerick	3,847	7,751	5,729	5,446	4,623	4,318
HSE Dublin and North East	Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSE Dublin and South East	University Hospital Waterford	6,717	5,511	5,040	5,026	4,195	4,178
HSE South West	Coork University Hospital	917	1,583	1,680	215	109	250
Total		17,245	23,439	23,053	14,627	12,406	11,993