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Deputy Brian Stanley
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Dear Deputy Stanley,

Please see the information requested below. Please note that 2025 data is unavailable. It is too early in the year to produce this, as patient's treatment pathways are still in progress.

PQ ref 11327/25: *To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline, in the decisions of the multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital under gastro-intestinal conference, the number of patients with esophageal cancer determined 'likely invasive' over the age of 70 years, in each of the years 2016 to 2024 and to date in 2025, and in tabular form.*

PQ ref 11327/25									
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No. of patients	75	70	88	99	87	96	94	80	117

PQ ref 11328/25: *To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline, in the decisions of the multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital under gastro-intestinal conference, the number of patients with esophageal cancer determined "likely invasive" that were recommended palliative radiotherapy as a treatment; and the number of these patients aged over 70 years, in each of the years 2016 to 2024 and to date in 2025, and in tabular form.*

This data is not collected. Potential treatment pathways or potential treatment types are not recorded in the registry, as many options are explored for each patient. The actual treatment received is definitive and recorded.

PQ ref 11329/25: *To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline, in the decisions of the multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital under gastro-intestinal conference, the number of patients with esophageal cancer stage I and stage II that were provided palliative radiotherapy; and the number aged over 70 years, in each of the years 2016 to 2024 and to date in 2025, and in tabular form.*

PQ ref 11329/25 - Patients over the age 70, clinical stage I or II, who received palliative radiotherapy to their primary oesophageal tumour in SJH/SLH									
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No. of patients	2	2	7	9	7	2	5	1	2

**** Note:** Many clinical stage I –II patients are asymptomatic. They may receive palliative radiotherapy later, if appropriate, when symptoms occur.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Aisling Collins

Chief Operations Officer