



16th June 2025

Deputy John Guirke TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 22186/25

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending chemotherapy within the recommended timeframe in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Dublin Midlands Hospital Group, by month, from July 2024 to date in 2025, in tabular form."

- Deputy John Guirke TD

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE through the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), has established key performance indicators (KPIs) to monitor and enhance the quality, safety, and timeliness of chemotherapy and other systemic anti-cancer therapies (SACT).

The KPI in relation to timeliness of treatment Initiation is **'for patients receiving a new parenteral systemic therapy in a day ward setting, the interval between the decision to treat and the administration of therapy should not exceed 15 working days.'** The target for operational compliance with this KPI is set at 90%, acknowledging that approximately 10% of patients may experience delays due to complex medical needs or personal choices. This KPI only applies to patients initiating a new parenteral systemic therapy regime, including those starting treatment for the first time, those with a history of cancer beginning a new regime or patients whose treatment plan has changed to include additional new drugs. It excludes patients continuing on the same regime or those reducing the number of drugs in their treatment plan.

Below is a list of hospitals who provide this service within the Dublin and Midlands Region and their KPI returns from July 2024 to April 2025.

Hospital	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
MRHT	21	36	27	27	26	28	33	20	31	34
NGH	4	4	4	5	4	4	10	5	6	6
SJH	120	120	105	103	125	113	115	104	133	145
SLRON	9	9	9	11	6	9	9	7	6	4
TUH	35	22	40	33	39	36	33	39	41	40



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I trust this information is of assistance to you. Further detailed information on this KPI and other related KPIs can be found within the NCCP Service Specification for Haemato-oncology Services (2022) published on the HSE website.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/cancer/profinfo/medonc/sactguidance/nccp-haematooncology-service-spec.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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