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Re.

PQ 52610/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients undergoing radical radiotherapy treatment who commenced treatment within 15 working days of being deemed ready to treat, by location, for the period 2024 to date in 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) collects limited summary data on the number of new patients receiving radical radiation therapy in each public facility and the proportion starting treatment within 15 working days of being deemed ready to treat.

The data for 2024 and 2025 is tabulated as follows:

| Radiation                     | Metric | 2024  | 2025    |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Oncology                      |        |       | Jan-Jun |
| SLRON AII                     | %      | 59.5% | 68.6%   |
|                               | N      | 3,297 | 1,613   |
| Galway University Hospital    | %      | 81.2% | 84.1%   |
|                               | N      | 869   | 384     |
| Altnagelvin                   | %      | 75.9% | 81.9%   |
|                               | N      | 145   | 72      |
| Mid-Western Regional Limerick | %      | 90.6% | 87.4%   |
|                               | N      | 820   | 318     |
| Cork University Hospital      | %      | 82.9% | 94.8%   |
|                               | N      | 1,185 | 597     |
| Whitfield UPMC, Waterford     | %      | 96.5% | 97.6%   |
|                               | N      | 399   | 212     |
| National                      | %      | 72.8% | 79.4%   |
|                               | N      | 6,715 | 3,196   |

## Please note:

- 1. The data does not include patients receiving palliative radiation therapy.
- 2. Activity that was outsourced to private facilities may not have been included in these figures.
- 3. Data for 2025 is not complete for all submitting radiation oncology units and is subject to change.
- 4. St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) is comprised of St. Luke's Hospital, St. Luke's Centre at
- St. James's Hospital and St. Luke's Centre at Beaumont Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

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