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Re.

PQ 53271/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a mammogram in each county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

Women who present with signs and symptoms most suspicious of cancer are referred by their GP, based on the [national GP referral guideline](#), to a symptomatic breast disease clinic for assessment. Rapid Access Clinics (RACs) are in place in the eight designated cancer centres for people with suspected breast disease, with one associated centre in Letterkenny University Hospital. The symptomatic breast disease clinics provide a streamlined pathway to diagnostic evaluation and specialist review for breast cancer. It is important to note that these are symptomatic patients being assessed for suspected cancer, the majority of whom will not be diagnosed with cancer.

Data on waiting times for mammograms is not collected by the NCCP. The national KPI data that is collected refers to the rapid access assessment services and records the first attendance of newly referred patients who were seen within the recommended timeframes.

Yours sincerely,

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