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Re.

PQ 49062/25 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who had surgery for breast cancer and the percentage of patients seen within NCCP target surgery timeframes, as outlined in the National Cancer Strategy, in each of the years 2017 to 2024 and to date in 2025.

PQ 49063/25 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who had surgery for lung cancer; the percentage of patients seen within NCCP target surgery timeframes, as outlined in the National Cancer Strategy, in each of the years 2017 to 2024 and to date in 2025.

PQ 49064/25 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who had surgery for prostate cancer; the percentage of patients seen within NCCP target surgery timeframes, as outlined in the National Cancer Strategy, in each of the years 2017 to 2024 and to date in 2025.

PQ 49065/25 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people who had surgery for pancreatic cancer; the percentage of patients seen within NCCP target surgery timeframes, as outlined in the National Cancer Strategy, in each of the years 2017 to 2024 and to date in 2025.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) collects time to surgery Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data on breast, lung, prostate and pancreatic cancer surgery in patients **where surgery is the first treatment**. Time to surgery data is retrospectively collected, with some data only collected biannually or annually in which case it is not currently due for 2025. Please note that the data for 2024 is not complete and is subject to change with some centres still in the process of reviewing their data for accuracy and completeness.

The data is presented as follows and shows the percentage of total patients treated within the recommended timeframe and the total number of patients undergoing surgery.

Tumour	Time to Surgery	Target	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Incomplete	2025 Incomplete
Breast	Surgical intervention will be carried out within 20 working days of the date of the MDM when a B5 or C5 was first identified, provided surgery is the first treatment. Note: additional (%) figure shown below is when those outside target by reason of MRI are included as within target.	None	83.9% (87.2%)	76.1% (81.5%)	77.5% (83.0%)	73.5% (80.6%)	71.9% (81.1%)	64.4% (76.0%)	60.3% (74.3%)	57.7% (73.5%)	58.4% (75.7%)
	Total	*	1,392	1,363	1,347	1,526	1,552	1,527	1,538	1,183	296
Lung	Patients diagnosed with a primary lung cancer where surgery is the first treatment shall be offered an appointment for surgery within 25 working days of the date of the decision to operate by the multidisciplinary team.	None	68.5%	65.1%	57.0%	54.5%	56.7%	56.6%	71.1%	58.7%	62.8%
	Total	*	480	498	500	435	396	502	543	395	90
Prostate	Patients diagnosed with a primary prostate cancer, the interval between the date that the patient is placed on the waiting list for admission for surgery and the date of first surgical intervention where surgery is the first treatment, shall be less than or equal to 30 working days.	None	30.4%	32.1%	31.1%	43.2%	46.6%	45.1%	36.1%	38.8%	Data not due
	Total	*	336	368	440	521	491	566	665	616	
Pancreas	Surgical intervention in new patients with proven or suspected pancreatic cancer, where surgery is the first treatment, will be carried out within 20 working days of the MDM decision.	None	72.7% (Q3-Q4)	66.2%	69.6%	54.0%	50.0%	50.9%	52.3%	45.0%	Data not due
	Total	*	44	65	69	63	60	53	44	20	

Yours sincerely,

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