



13th August 2018.

Ms. Margaret Falsey,
Committee of Public Accounts Secretariat,
Committee of Public Accounts,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

Our Ref: CB/PW/PAC

Please quote our reference number on all correspondence

Dear Ms. Falsey,

Re: NTMA Attendance at the PAC Meeting on 12th July 2018

The Committee requested further details in relation to the non-screening cervical cancer cases (17).

We undertook to provide the Committee with the relevant details following an examination of each individual file.

Accordingly, please find attached document setting out our analysis of the cases by reference to Sub-Service and Hospital Group.

We trust this is to the Committee's satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

**Ciarán Breen,
Director.**





SCA Query Reference	Q80334
Query Title	PAC – Non-NSS cervical cancer misdiagnosis claim by Service and Location
Requestor	Jenny Foley
Date of request	08/08/2018
Report run date	08/08/2018

Query

Breakdown of the services and locations involved in the 17 Non-NSS claims relating to cervical cancer misdiagnosis previously reported to the PAC.

Response from SCA:

Table 1 shows the current status of the 17 claims.

Table 2 shows the service and sub-services recorded on NIMS as associated with 17 claims reported to the PAC on 22 June 2018. These 17 claims are non-NSS claims relating to cervical cancer misdiagnosis.



National Incident Management System

Active Claims	11
Closed Claims	5
Potential Claims	1

Table 1: Current Status of previously reported non-NSS cervical misdiagnosis claims

Service	Sub Service	Status	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	South Eastern Area Trainee GP Placement	Service Totals
			RCSI Dublin North East Hospital	Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	Ireland East Hospital Group	South/South West Hospital Group	Saolta West/North West Hospital Group	UL Midwest Hospital Group		
Gynaecology	Gynaecology - General	Active Claim	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	6
		Closed Claim	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	4
		Potential Claim	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Laboratory Services	Histopathology	Active Claim	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Maternity Services	Maternity Services	Closed Claim	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Medicine	General Medicine	Active Claim	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Services	Other	Active Claim	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Specialist Services	Cancer Screening	Active Claim	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Surgery	Gynaecological Surgery	Active Claim	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Location Totals			3	3	4	4	1	1	1	17

Table 2: Service and Location breakdown of previously reported non-NSS cervical misdiagnosis claims



Definitions

National Incident Management System (NIMS):

Incidents (which include claims) are reported using the "National Incident Management System". This is hosted by the State Claims Agency (SCA) for the HSE, other Healthcare enterprises and Delegated State Authorities. An incident can be a harmful Incident (Adverse Event), no harm incident, near miss, dangerous occurrence (reportable circumstance) or complaint.

An Incident can relate to a person, property, crash/collision, dangerous occurrence or complaint.

Claim

A claim refers to notification of intention to seek compensation for personal injury and/or property damage where it is alleged the State was negligent. The application may be in the form of a letter of claim, an InjuriesBoard.ie application, or a written/oral request.

Service

States which medical specialty an incident occurred under, e.g. surgery, anaesthesia, dental, maternity, etc.

Sub-Service

A sub-category of specialty, e.g. IV Anaesthetics.