

Radiation Treatment Delays in the North-West

Dr BROAD question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

Delays accessing radiation treatment are causing a number of north-west patients great anxiety on top of the distress of a cancer diagnosis. Cancer patient and former Devonport City councillor, Kerry Whittle, would like answers to the following questions. Why is it that only one linear accelerator at the North West Regional Hospital is operational? Is it true that the cancer centre is not running at full capacity because there are not enough qualified professionals to actually run two linear accelerators? How many north-west patients are on the waiting list for radiation treatment? When will both linear accelerators be operational?