

# It's time to deliver the cancer care Ireland deserves.

What we <i>need</i> ...	What we <i>have</i> ...
<b>Timely tests and treatment</b>	<b>280,000 people</b> are currently waiting for a diagnostic scan, such as CT or MRI. <b>1 in 3 people</b> didn't start radiotherapy on time in 2023.
<b>Modern hospitals with enough beds, operating theatres and up-to-date equipment</b>	<b>3 in 10 breast cancer patients</b> didn't get their breast cancer surgery in the recommended time in 2023.
<b>More clinical trials available</b>	<b>Just 3% of cancer patients</b> take part in cancer trials in Ireland.
<b>Automatic medical cards</b>	During cancer, <b>patients face mounting costs</b> for medicines and transport, at the same time their <b>household income can drop by around €18,000.</b>
<b>An expanded screening service</b>	BowelScreen is <b>not yet available</b> to all people aged 55-74, as originally intended.
<b>Equal access to care, no matter where you live</b>	Public cancer patients <b>don't have access to the same treatments</b> as those with private medical insurance.  People in <b>rural Ireland</b> clock up thousands of miles to access cancer care.

1 in 2 of us will receive a cancer diagnosis; when we do, we deserve the best possible care.

**Please speak to your local candidates and ask them how they will deliver the cancer care Ireland deserves.**

