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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012329 – Waiting times for pain services

(i) what was the average waiting time during 2014 for patients referred to specialist pain services for their initial appointment? If it is not possible to provide a response for '2014' please provide a response for the most recent appropriate time period which is available.

Average 60 days (59.79)

(ii) what is the longest time a patient has waited for their first appointment with specialist pain services during 2014? Again, if it is not possible to provide this information for '2014' please provide a response for the most recent appropriate time period which is available.

(15 weeks) Longest time based on 1 weeks snapshot data for the RTT incomplete Pathways using OPF (Outpatient Futures Report) for period 12.07.2015, calculation to derive 15 weeks: (RTT period start date – appointment date/7)

(iii) what is the shortest time a patient has waited for their first appointment with specialist pain services during 2014? Again, if it is not possible to provide this information for '2014' please provide a response for the most recent appropriate time period which is available.

(4 weeks) Shortest time based on based on 1 weeks snapshot data for the RTT incomplete Pathways using OPF (Outpatient Futures Report) for period 12.07.2015, calculation to derive 4 weeks: (RTT period start date – appointment date/7)

(iv) how many patients referred to specialist pain services breached the 18-week referral-to-treatment target during 2014/15 (read: April 2014 to March 2015 inclusive)? If it is not possible to provide this information for the designated time period, please provide the most recent figure which is available.

0 patients for non-admitted

6 patients for admitted

(but maintained our overall RTT target)

(v) how many patients are currently on the waiting list for a specialist pain service appointment?

(188 Patients) Based on 1 weeks snapshot data for the RTT incomplete Pathways using OPF (Outpatient Futures Report) for period 12.07.2015. This includes first and follow up appointments.

(vi) how many patients were on the waiting list for a specialist pain service appointment at the same point last year (ie July 2014). If not possible to provide this information specific to July 2014, please provide another comparable figure which is available and clarify the date this figure refers to.

(129 Patients) Incompletes OPF data (Outpatient Futures Report) based on July 2014. This includes first and follow up appointments