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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013815 – Cancer waits

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

Firstly, in days what is the a) average and b) longest a single patient has waited to receive a First Consultant Appointment following a GP Urgent Referral (two week target) in calendar year 2017 (Year to Date), 2016, 2015, 2010 and 2009.

Secondly, in days what is the a) average and b) longest a single patient has waited for a First Treatment for Cancer following a Decision to Treat (31 days target) in calendar year 2017 (Year to Date), 2016, 2015, 2010 and 2009.

Thirdly, in days what is the a) average and b) longest a single patient has waited for a First Treatment for Cancer following a GP Urgent Referral (62 days target) in calendar year 2017 (Year to Date), 2016, 2015, 2010 and 2009.

Calendar Year	Average number of days patients waited to receive a First Consultant Appointment following a GP Urgent Referral (2 week target)	Longest number of days a single patient waited to receive a First Consultant Appointment following a GP Urgent Referral (2 week target)
2017 (Year to Date)	11.1	* See comment below
2016	10.9	
2015	10.7	
2010	9.4	
2009	9.6	

Calendar Year	Average number of days patients waited for a First Treatment for Cancer following a Decision to Treat (31 days target)	Longest number of days a single patient waited for a First Treatment for Cancer following a Decision to Treat (31 days target)
2017 (Year to Date)	8.9	* See comment below
2016	8.6	
2015	7.3	
2010	5.0	
2009	6.9	

Calendar Year	Average number of days patients waited to receive a First Treatment for Cancer following a GP Urgent Referral (62 days target)	Longest number of days a single patient waited to receive a First Treatment for Cancer following a GP Urgent Referral (62 days target)
2017 (Year to Date)	51.6	* See comment below
2016	51.3	
2015	51.3	
2010	50.1	
2009	48.9	

2017 year to date includes January through End of October 2017.

*As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved. Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied