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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

1. I would like to know how many patients with a referral for suspected cancer are currently waiting for an appointment. If possible, I would like this broken down into the type of cancer.

We can supply how many referrals we receive, however waiting for an appointment is difficult to measure. We aim to book all referrals that come in within 48 hours. The number of patients booked in fluctuates day by day, hour by hour etc

2. I would like to know the longest someone has currently been on the waiting list after being referred with a possible cancer diagnosis, and I would like to know the type of cancer they are suspected to have. - **76 days - Colorectal**
3. For people that have been diagnosed I would like to know the average wait time for treatment to begin. If possible, I would like this broken down into a type of cancer. I would like this data for 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date.

	Average waiting time (days)				
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (to date)
Breast	47	49	53	53	52
Colorectal	73	70	63	48	64
CUP	117		137	33	165
Gynaecology	71	76	77	66	43
Haematology	34	37	37	27	23
Head and Neck	62	69	63	63	57
Lung	51	64	58	65	45
Other		39			
Paediatric		115	0		
Sarcoma		44		0	
Skin	43	55	44	43	53
Upper GI	57	69	59	51	59
Urology	49		70	68	38
Grand Total	53	59	59	55	50

4. For people who have had a cancer diagnosis I would like to know, currently, what is the longest someone has been waiting for treatment and the cancer they have been diagnosed with.

To provide this specific information could potentially make it personally identifiable so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

5. For the years 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date I would like to know who many patients have passed away while waiting to start treatment for their cancer diagnosis.

Not known unable to run a report for this information.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
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