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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.

Request

I would like to make the following request under the freedom of information act.

Please could you tell me, for each year since 2020 including 2025, for your trust

- The length of the longest wait from referral to treatment for a cancer patient
- The number of patients recorded as waiting longer than a) 6 months and b) a year

Response

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
The length of the longest wait from referral to treatment for a cancer patient (days)	242	320	251	355	236	270
The number of patients recorded as waiting longer than						
a) 6 months (>180 days)	12	12	8	10	10	5
b) a year (>365 days)	0	0	0	0	0	0

We have reviewed these patients, and they were all complex patients who had required multiple diagnostics and work up to be fit for surgery.

We monitor all patients to ensure they are treated as soon as possible however patient fitness, patient engagement and complexity of diagnosing certain patients can cause significant delays.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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