

Ref: FOI/2024/10409

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Response Due: 6th February 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 9th January 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on cancer waiting times.

The total number of people who waited for 62-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for a) stomach, b) lung, c) pancreatic, d) brain, e) liver, f) oesophageal cancer broken down by type of cancer in each of the years i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024

The proportion of people who waited for 62-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for a) stomach, b) lung, c) pancreatic, d) brain, e) liver, f) oesophageal cancer broken down by type of cancer in each of the years i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024

The total number of people who waited for 124-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for a) stomach, b) lung, c) pancreatic, d) brain, e) liver, f) oesophageal cancer broken down by type of cancer in each of the years i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024

The proportion of people who waited for 124-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for a) stomach, b) lung, c) pancreatic, d) brain, e) liver, f) oesophageal cancer broken down by type of cancer in each of the years i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024

The total number of people who waited for 372-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for a) stomach, b) lung, c) pancreatic, d) brain, e) liver, f) oesophageal cancer broken down by type of cancer in each of the years i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024

The proportion of people who waited for 372-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for a) stomach, b) lung, c) pancreatic, d) brain, e) liver, f) oesophageal cancer broken down by type of cancer in each of the years i) 2019, ii) 2020, iii) 2021, iv) 2022, v) 2023, vi) 2024

The longest time someone has waited, who is currently still waiting, from urgent referral to beginning treatment for a) stomach, b) lung, c) pancreatic, d) brain, e) liver, f) oesophageal cancer.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

In order to respond to this request, each individual patient who has attended the Trust for over the period mentioned above would need to be manually examined as there is currently no reportable structure to pull cancer data.

Therefore, The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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