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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Pet and CT scan two week wait.

You asked:

How many patients under the two-week rule waited more than two weeks for their PET/CT scans at the PET centres at the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust in the last calendar year?

By the two-week rule I refer to the suspected cancer cases referred for imaging. So, how many cases (number of cases and percentage of cases referred) have waited two weeks or more from the date of referral for imaging?

How many PET-CT scans have been delayed and /or cancelled at this PET centre in the last year?

What is the reason given for these scans being delayed?

Trust response:

A 2 week wait patient would not have a first seen appointment as a PET scan and so we feel this query is relative to later in the 62d pathway - after the first seen 2 week wait appointment has been attended.

For patients on 62d pathways that go on and have PET scans as part of their diagnostic workup or staging prior to treatment, it is likely that we would record the PET date as a comment only. We would not be able to extract this to be able to produce any reliable information. We do not have the fields necessary to calculate if the patient waited 2 weeks or more for the scan.