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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 Imaging and Cancer referrals.

You asked:

- 1. How many patients are currently awaiting an appointment for imaging studies/scans that have been requested? And how many are awaiting the results of scans that are yet to be assessed?*
 - 1a. Please can you specify how many of these are on a cancer pathway.*
 - 1b. Please also specify the date your records go up to.*
 - 1c. Please can you also provide the data for how many were waiting during the same time period last year.*
- 2. How many two-week wait cancer referrals had to wait longer than 14 days for an appointment in May 2020, May 2019, and May 2018? Please break this down by year and specialty receiving referral.*
- 3. How many more scanners are needed to address the shortfall in imaging capacity?*

Trust response:

1. & 1a. 297 waiting of which 14 are Cancer pathway. 133 awaiting a result of which 9 are cancer pathway. Oldest exam requiring a result is 14 days up to 7.6.2020.

There is no delay waiting for scans to be assessed for patients on a cancer pathway at the moment and reporting times have actually decreased over the past couple of months (usually it's a 3-5 day reporting time but now this is 1-2 days or same day if needed).

1b. End May. We have continued scanning for cancer patients in line with national guidelines.

1c. See below

2. Please see details below. May 2020 is not yet validated or published - this will be available in early July

	2018	2019
Breast	30	36
Gynae	24	12
H&N	12	12
Haem	1	3
LGI	36	53
Lung	1	12
UGI	15	18
Urology	31	21

3. We require two more CT scanners to address the Covid-19 backlog but this is not Cancer patients as already stated. This would be for routine demand in the light of decreased capacity due to infection prevention and control and social distancing guidance reducing our capacity to 60 % of pre Covid-19.