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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 Mental health and cancer patients.

*You asked:*

*I would like to request the following information:*

- 1) The total number of cancer patients who have been referred by you to mental health services during their treatment cancer under your services, in each year since 2010.*
- 2) A breakdown of that total figure into categories for the reason given for the cancer patients' referral, in each year since 2010.*
- 3) A breakdown of that total figure into categories for the kinds of cancer that referred patients are suffering.*
- 4) Details on average waiting time that cancer patients have faced while waiting for referral to mental health services each year over the past 10 years.*

Trust response:

Unfortunately this is not something that is recorded in any of the Trust systems for us to be able to extract information to be able to respond to this request.

May we suggest that this could be approached from the mental health perspective, possibly sending the request to the Mental Health Services requesting if they are able to advise on patients referred to them who also have a cancer diagnosis?