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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 oral cancer referrals.

You asked:

The number of oral cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between January 2017 and the most recent completed month that is available (most likely July or August 2022). I also request this data be presented as monthly figures.

Trust response:

Please note: There is no separate referral route for Oral cancers. They are part of the Head & Neck two week wait (2ww) suspected cancer route. The data supplied are 2ww referrals with the Presenting symptoms field completed. This is based on the information that the GP has noted on the referral form relating to Oral, Mouth or Tongue symptoms.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	11	9	9	12	8	7
February	4	9	6	6	6	12
March	7	12	8	5	6	11
April	4	2	4	5	2	6
May	7	16	6	13	4	5
June	5	12	10	7	1	11
July	7	7	8	4	12	9
August	3	8	10	6	9	13
September	2	1	7	10	6	
October	7	15	16	9	16	
November	8	5	10	6	9	

Please see the following table:

December	10	5	8	11	11	