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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 Referral prioritisation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You asked:

We write under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request details of the emergency Guidance that was in place at your organisation because of Covid-19 to assist in the prioritisation of referrals between July 2020 and March 2021.

Please do confirm how and what referrals were prioritised during the time period above.

Trust response:

The Trust adhered to the national guidance set out by NHS England/Royal Collages during this timeframe, including:

Referrals for cancer [Coronavirus » Urgent cancer diagnostic services during COVID-19 \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Referrals for RTT [C0009-RTT-measurement-and-COVID-19.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

And in line with Primary Care colleagues [Covid139 SE-Primary-Care-Cancer-Referral-Guidance-in-Response-to-COVID-19-v1-0.pdf \(bsuh.nhs.uk\)](#)