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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 the longest cancer waits.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

1. *What was the longest a patient at your Trust waited (in weeks/days) for -*
- a) a first consultant appointment, following a GP urgent referral on the two week wait pathway;*
  - b) being told they have cancer, or cancer being definitively excluded, following a GP urgent referral on the two week wait pathway;*
  - c) a first treatment for cancer, following a GP urgent referral on the two week wait pathway;*
  - d) a diagnostic test or procedure, following a GP urgent referral on the two week wait pathway*

*In each of the following calendar years – 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022?*

Trust response:

Please note the following information:

- b) The Trust did not start to record the Faster Diagnosis date until 2020. We are unable to provide data prior to this date.
- d) The Trust system does not have a recorded field that allows the Trust to answer this question in relation to the diagnostic wait. This is not a standard that trusts are measured against for Cancer Waiting Times purposes.

For all of the questions we have used the Cancer Waiting Times definitions of the timescale standards. This includes the patient having an imaging or scoping diagnostic test, which, alongside an Outpatient appointment (Face to Face or virtual, or clinical triage, counts as a first seen), all waits include any adjustments allowed for patients who did not attend (DNA) their first seen appointment, or declining a date for first definitive treatment.

All responses are in days:

Question	2018	2019	200	2021	2022	Jan-23
1a	90	105	130	77	130	
1b	x	51	64	177	264	
1c	332	232	25	252	214	
1d	x	x	x	x	x	
2a						41
2b						219
2c						140
2d						x