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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 radiotherapy treatment capacity.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust. I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Does the trust have a plan, either internal or external, to ensure that overall cancer treatment capacity within the trust is on target to meet the extra 13% extra capacity specified in the NHS 2023/24 priorities and operational planning? If the trust does not have such a plan, by what date will it have one?

Trust response:

Yes – as part of the business planning process finalised in March 2023, we have plans in place to meet the demand for expected increased activity. This isn't as a blanket expectation of 13% across all treatment methods and therefore fluctuates dependent on the growth in different areas. These growth predictions have been aligned with a resource plan to support the demand through each service.

Radiotherapy	7%	Oral Chemo	Oncology	12%	IV Chemo	Oncology	5%
			Haem	15%		Haem	3%
Brachy	5%						