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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 cancer diagnostic tests.

You asked:

- 1. How many patients are currently on your trust's waiting list for a cancer diagnostic test?*
- 2. How many patients were on your trust's waiting list for a cancer diagnostic test 12 months ago?*
- 3. What is the longest time a patient has had to wait for a cancer diagnostic test in the last 12 months?*
- 4. How many cancer diagnostic tests have been cancelled by your trust for non-clinical reasons in the last 12 months?*
- 5. What is the highest number of times a cancer diagnostic test for one patient has been cancelled by your trust for non-clinical reasons in the last 12 months?*

Trust response:

The Trust is unable to provide this information as we do not maintain a waiting list for diagnostics for patients on a cancer pathway. There are large number of tests that could be undertaken to diagnose cancer across at least 12 different potential tumour sites and some patients could have multiple tests throughout their pathway. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information

Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.