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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 Melanoma Cancer Care Protocols and Patient Management Details.

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

- 1. Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols.*
- 2. Which of the following Melanoma NICE guidelines do you currently implement at your Trust/Health Board/other:*
  - a. Pre-27th July 2022 NICE guidelines titled 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' Yes or No*
  - b. Latest NICE guidelines title 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' released on the 27th July 2022. Yes or No*
  - c. Using own Melanoma guideline for the Trust. Yes or No*
    - i. If yes, please provide document in PDF format.*
- 3. What is your current waiting time for sentinel lymph node biopsy for those confirmed with any stage melanoma? Please provide measure (Weeks, months etc, but please identify..)*
- 4. In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.*
- 5. Is ultrasound used in any of the follow up pathways for the stages of Melanoma below for patients in your Trust, please answer Yes or No:*
  - IA Yes or No*
  - IB Yes or No*
  - IIA Yes or No*
  - IIB Yes or No*
- 6. For the following NHS financial year dates, how many melanoma cases per year have been newly diagnosed in your Trust*

a. 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23

7. Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2022/23 the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not have a skin MDT service. Any patients will be referred by their GPs to the Dermatology service for West Kent, managed by KIDS (Kent Integrated Dermatology Service).