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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 PSFU pathway for primary breast cancer patients.

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

1. Does your Trust have a Standard Operating Procedure - also referred to as a PSFU Protocol - that covers the PSFU pathway for breast cancer?

If yes, please share your current, or most recent, version of this Standard Operating Procedure/PSFU Protocol.

2. Are all hospitals that form part of your Trust following the processes set out in the Standard Operating Procedure/PFSU Protocol for breast cancer?

If no, please send the breast cancer related Standard Operating Procedure/PSFU Protocol of each hospital in the Trust

3. At the end of hospital-based treatment do you provide primary breast cancer patients with information about the signs and symptoms of primary breast cancer?

If yes- please provide a copy of the information provided or a link to the information if it is available online. If this information is part of a longer document please provide the full document.

4. At the end of hospital-based treatment, do you provide primary breast cancer patients with information about the signs and symptoms of secondary breast cancer?

If yes- please provide a copy of the information provided or a link to the information if it is available online. If this information is part of a longer document please provide the full document.

5. How many patients did you treat for primary breast cancer that finished their hospital-based treatment in each of the Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023- 2024?

6. For each of the Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023-24, of the primary breast cancer patients that completed hospital-based treatment, please provide an estimate of what proportion were stratified to each follow up pathway?

a) A PIFU pathway

b) A Routine Follow Up pathway

If you can provide the figures split between the age under 45 category and age 45 and over category that would be useful but if the information is not readily available by age, please provide for all ages combined.

% of patients

2022-2023 2023-24

Under 45

45 and over

All ages

PIFU

Routine Follow Up

7. At the end of hospital-based treatment, is there a set period of time during which all patients in the Trust receive Routine Follow Up, with the decision between a Routine Follow Up pathway and a PIFU pathway being taken at a later date?

If yes, which hospitals offer this and for each hospital how long is the set period of time?

Description of the pathway

8. If a patient wants to raise a concern about a breast cancer sign or symptom (either primary breast cancer or secondary breast cancer) while on a PIFU pathway, what are the options for them to do so (please tick all that apply):

A telephone service

Email contact

Drop in clinics

Other- please detail

9. Are all breast cancer patients on a PIFU pathway logged and tracked on the organisation's IT system?

All are logged

All are logged and tracked

Some are logged

Some are logged and tracked

No

10. Is there a standard time limit on how long PSFU pathways are available to breast cancer patients e.g. 5 years?

If yes, what is the standard time limit?

If yes, how frequently is the standard time limit applied?

Always Most of the time

Sometimes

Rarely

If any patients have a difference to the standard time limit, please detail and explain in what circumstances this occurs and the range of time limits?

11. When it is time for a breast cancer patient to be discharged from PSFU, do they receive any notification of this, e.g. by letter or phone call?

If yes, please explain how they receive this notification and provide a copy of the standardised information they would receive at that point, if it is in written form.

We are keen to discuss in more detail the answers to this FOI with a small number of Trusts. If this is something you would consider, please let us know and we will follow up if needed.

If yes, the person to contact is:

Trust response:

1. The Trust is in the process of writing our SOP
2. Yes
3. Yes - for all patients. Information booklet also being re written. The draft copy is attached but has not been finalised and may be amended.
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Year	Number of Patients
2022-2023	608
2023-2024	638

6.

	% of patients					
	2022-2023			2023-24		
	Under 45	45 and over	All ages	Under 45	45 and over	All ages
PIFU						553
Routine Follow Up						Annual clinical follow up = 85

7. Patients are immediately placed on Routine Follow Up or PIFU
8. Patients may raise concerns about a breast cancer sign or symptom (either primary breast cancer or secondary breast cancer) while on a PIFU pathway by use of a telephone service, by email or at Nurse led rapid access clinics which run 3 x weekly
9. All are logged.
10. five years or up to age 50 for patients diagnosed under 45. This time limit is always applied.
11. When it is time for a breast cancer patient to be discharged from PSFU they receive notification by a phone call. All patients are contacted following their year 5 mammogram or annual clinical review. If they are receiving endocrine treatment they are advised this will be discussed in our endocrine MDM & they will then be booked in for a nurse led discharge review where the MDM outcome is conveyed, ongoing bone health management & future imaging through NHS BSP is discussed. This is then documented in a letter which is sent to patient and GP