

FOI REF: 23/556

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**Please provide the following information for each calendar year from 2018 to the present (2023):**

- 1) **What was the longest a patient at your healthcare facility waited (in weeks/days) for:**
  - a) **A first consultation with a radiation oncologist, following a referral for radiotherapy treatment.**
  - b) **The initiation of radiotherapy treatment, following the initial consultation with a radiation oncologist.**
  - c) **A scheduled radiotherapy session, following the initiation of radiotherapy treatment.**
  - d) **A diagnostic test or procedure related to radiotherapy planning, following the referral from a radiation oncologist.**
- 2) **The number of unresolved radiotherapy referrals, and the longest length of time the referral has been pending.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Radiotherapy service. Our Radiotherapy is provided by University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, therefore please contact them direct for a response to your request, via the email below:

By email: [UHSussex.foi@nhs.net](mailto:UHSussex.foi@nhs.net)

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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