

FOI REF: 24/226

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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:

I am writing to request the following:

- 1) The longest wait from an Urgent Suspected Cancer or Breast Symptomatic Referral, or Consultant Upgrade to a First Definitive Treatment for Cancer in the Trust in 2023/24 (so far)?**

323 days (Lung pathway) – complex diagnostic pathway, including referral to Tertiary centre before being referred back to ESHT for definitive treatment.

- 2) How many patients in your trust are currently waiting longer than 6 months (186 days) from an Urgent Suspected Cancer or Breast Symptomatic Referral, or Consultant Upgrade to a First Definitive Treatment for Cancer?**

3 patients – long pathways as a result of complex diagnostics/additional investigations required, tertiary centre input and diagnostic delays/capacity.

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

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), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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