

FOI REF: 24/217

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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 could you provide the following information in relation to your delivery of care for patients newly diagnosed with Melanoma cancer at your Trust:

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not undergo further diagnostics and treatment of Melanoma patients, they are treated at the United Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust and Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Therefore, please re-submit your request direct to them via the contact information below:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust
By email: UHSussex.foi@nhs.net

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
By email: qvh.foi@nhs.net

- 1) Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols. Please return the information in the attached Excel spreadsheet (Document 1)**

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable.

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.)

Not applicable.

4) In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab?

Not applicable.

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:

Not applicable.

- 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? 95
- b) 2021/22? 160
- c) 2022/23? 178

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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?

Not applicable.

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.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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