

FOI REF: 24/282

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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:

- 1) **The (a) number and (b) proportion of patients who were diagnosed or had cancer ruled out within 28 days of an urgent referral by their GP at your trust in March 2024.**
  - (a) 854 patients were informed of a cancer diagnosis or ruling out of cancer within 28 days of referral in February 2024.
  - (b) 82.6% of patients were informed of a cancer diagnosis or ruling out of cancer within 28 days of referral in February 2024.
- 2) **The (a) number and (b) proportion of patients admitted, transferred or discharged within four hours at your trust in March 2024.**

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ae-waiting-times-and-activity/>

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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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