

FOI REF: 25/030

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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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on cancer waiting times.

Clarification was sought asking you to confirm your definition of 'from urgent referral to beginning treatment for...' do you mean patients from an 'Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) GP referral or an 'Urgent' GP referral and confirmation was received as follows:

My request should be based on the 62-day cancer waiting time standard. Therefore, it should be from the date the hospital receives an urgent suspected cancer referral and the start of treatment. Urgent referral can come from a GP for suspected cancer, following an abnormal cancer screening result or by a consultant who suspects cancer following other investigations.

- 1) The total number of people who waited for 62-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for:**
 - a) Stomach**
 - b) Lung**
 - c) Pancreatic**
 - d) Brain**
 - e) Liver**
 - f) Oesophageal cancer**

Broken down by type of cancer in each of the years:

- i) 2019**
- ii) 2020**
- iii) 2021**
- iv) 2022**
- v) 2023**
- vi) 2024**

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2) The proportion of people who waited for 62-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for:

- a) Stomach**
- b) Lung**
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- d) Brain**
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Broken down by type of cancer in each of the years:

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3) The total number of people who waited for 124-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for:

- a) Stomach**
- b) Lung**
- c) Pancreatic**
- d) Brain**
- e) Liver**
- f) Oesophageal cancer**

Broken down by type of cancer in each of the years:

- i) 2019**
- ii) 2020**
- iii) 2021**
- iv) 2022**
- v) 2023**
- vi) 2024**

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4) The proportion of people who waited for 124-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for:

- a) Stomach
- b) Lung
- c) Pancreatic
- d) Brain
- e) Liver
- f) Oesophageal cancer

Broken down by type of cancer in each of the years:

- i) 2019
- ii) 2020
- iii) 2021
- iv) 2022
- v) 2023
- vi) 2024

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5) The total number of people who waited for 372-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for:

- a) Stomach
- b) Lung
- c) Pancreatic
- d) Brain
- e) Liver
- f) Oesophageal cancer

Broken down by type of cancer in each of the years:

- i) 2019
- ii) 2020
- iii) 2021
- iv) 2022
- v) 2023
- vi) 2024

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6) The proportion of people who waited for 372-days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment for:

- a) Stomach**
- b) Lung**
- c) Pancreatic**
- d) Brain**
- e) Liver**
- f) Oesophageal cancer**

Broken down by type of cancer in each of the years:

- i) 2019**
- ii) 2020**
- iii) 2021**
- iv) 2022**
- v) 2023**
- vi) 2024**

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7) The longest time someone has waited, who is currently still waiting, from urgent referral to beginning treatment for:

- a) Stomach**
- b) Lung**
- c) Pancreatic**
- d) Brain**
- e) Liver**
- f) Oesophageal cancer**

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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
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Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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The total number of people who waited for 62 days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment & this as a proportion.

62 & Over	2019	Proportion	2020	Proportion	2021	Proportion	2022	Proportion	2023	Proportion	2024	Proportion
Stomach	2	17%	3	33%	3	30%	3	30%	5	45%	3	50%
Lung	23	21%	19	24%	26	34%	33	48%	36	55%	35	38%
Pancreatic	8	21%	6	18%	2	5%	8	24%	7	26%	6	22%
Brain	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Liver	2	13%	2	29%	0	-	0	-	3	19%	2	18%
Oesophageal	12	25%	7	16%	14	29%	17	35%	19	51%	22	44%

The total number of people who waited for 124 days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment & this as a proportion.

124 & over	2019	Proportion	2020	Proportion	2021	Proportion	2022	Proportion	2023	Proportion	2024	Proportion
Stomach	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	10%	1	9%	0	-
Lung	2	2%	1	1%	4	5%	3	4%	5	8%	7	8%
Pancreatic	0	-	1	3%	0	-	1	10%	1	4%	1	4%
Brain	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Liver	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	13%	0	-
Oesophageal	1	2%	2	5%	1	2%	2	4%	2	5%	7	14%

The total number of people who waited for 372 days or longer from urgent referral to beginning treatment & this as a proportion.

372 & over	2019	Proportion	2020	Proportion	2021	Proportion	2022	Proportion	2023	Proportion	2024	Proportion
Stomach	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Lung	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Pancreatic	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Brain	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Liver	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Oesophageal	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-

The longest time someone has waited, who is currently still waiting, from urgent referral to beginning treatment

	Days
Stomach	170
Lung	323
Pancreatic	188
Brain	N/A
Liver	115
Oesophageal	247