

FOI REF: 25/581

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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 I am requesting the following information from the trust:

- 1. The number of harm reviews carried out on lung cancer patients who faced lengthy waits for treatment between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2024 (please do not include incomplete reviews)**

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- 2. The number of cases where harm was found in lung cancer patients and the level of harm in each: e.g, low harm, medium harm, severe harm**

8 = Mild Harm (5 Psychological Impact, 3 Disease Progression).

4 = Moderate Harm (3 Psychological Impact, 1 Disease Progression).

- 3. In lung cancer cases where there was severe harm, please provide a short but specific description of what the harm was: e.g. stage migration, patient moved straight to palliative care etc;**

Not applicable, no severe harm identified in the period.

- 4. After how many days does the trust initiate harm reviews of lung cancer patients that have faced lengthy waits for treatments? (please state a number and do not include links to policies)**

All Cancer patients undergo a two-stage review following their first definitive treatment if this has occurred after Day 104 of a 62 Day Pathway. The first stage is an independent analysis of the pathway, and the second stage is a Multidisciplinary Meeting (MDM) discussion to determine if harm has occurred and if so the level of harm.

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

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

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Yours sincerely

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