

Ref: 20-378

Freedom of Information Request

26 August 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting.

1. The total number of cancer patients receiving treatment within 62 days.

In June 2020 (the Trust's most recent reported cancer performance) 104 patients were treated within 62 days of GP referral for suspected cancer, where the Trust was at least partly accountable for the pathway as per the national waiting time rules. Please note that this is the whole number of patients (i.e. each patient counts as one) as per the request, and does not take into account whether accountability for the patient's performance was shared with another provider or not.

2. The total number of cancer patients waiting more than 104 days for treatment.

As at midnight on 23rd August (the most recent data at time of responding), the total number of patients waiting at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust on a GP referred suspected cancer pathway over 104 days was 56, 51 of which were due to clinical reasons, patient choice, or recently received referrals from other providers.

It should be noted that the majority of these patients will not ultimately be diagnosed with cancer or require any treatment.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust Trust Headquarters Marlborough Street Bristol BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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