

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-023

5th February 2025

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

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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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

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

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

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

Please see our response in the table below:

Year	Cancer site	>=62	>=124	>=372
2019	Brain	0	0	0
2019	Lung	71	13	0
2019	Upper Gastrointestinal - Liver & Bile ducts	15	6	0
2019	Upper Gastrointestinal - Oesophagus	18	*	0
2019	Upper Gastrointestinal - Pancreas	6	*	*
2019	Upper Gastrointestinal - Stomach	*	0	0
2020	Brain	0	0	0
2020	Lung	60	6	0
2020	Upper Gastrointestinal - Liver & Bile ducts	16	6	*
2020	Upper Gastrointestinal - Oesophagus	21	*	0
2020	Upper Gastrointestinal - Pancreas	*	*	*
2020	Upper Gastrointestinal - Stomach	6	*	0
2021	Brain	0	0	0
2021	Lung	92	19	*
2021	Upper Gastrointestinal - Liver & Bile ducts	18	8	*
2021	Upper Gastrointestinal - Oesophagus	29	0	0
2021	Upper Gastrointestinal - Pancreas	14	*	0
2021	Upper Gastrointestinal - Stomach	*	*	0
2022	Brain	*	0	0

2022	Lung	109	24	*
2022	Upper Gastrointestinal - Liver & Bile ducts	23	9	*
2022	Upper Gastrointestinal - Oesophagus	41	*	0
2022	Upper Gastrointestinal - Pancreas	14	*	0
2022	Upper Gastrointestinal - Stomach	9	*	0
2023	Brain	1	0	0
2023	Lung	184	54	9
2023	Upper Gastrointestinal - Liver & Bile ducts	26	11	*
2023	Upper Gastrointestinal - Oesophagus	22	*	0
2023	Upper Gastrointestinal - Pancreas	10	*	*
2023	Upper Gastrointestinal - Stomach	*	*	0
2024	Brain	*	0	0
2024	Lung	154	37	*
2024	Upper Gastrointestinal - Liver & Bile ducts	26	8	*
2024	Upper Gastrointestinal - Oesophagus	43	*	0
2024	Upper Gastrointestinal - Pancreas	14	7	0
2024	Upper Gastrointestinal - Stomach	8	*	0

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance

(2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

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

a) stomach

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b) lung

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c) pancreatic

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d) brain

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e) liver

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f) oesophageal cancer.

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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.

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Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street

Bristol
BS1 3NU

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Yours sincerely

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