



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-334

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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th August 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cancer

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Please could I request the following information Under the Freedom of Information Act:**  
**1. The number of people at your Trust currently receiving treatment for cancer?**

A1 During August 2023 there were a total of 701 treatment starts for cancer. (The word start means the first date that treatment commenced i.e. admission date for surgery or first cycle of chemotherapy or delivery of radiotherapy etc.)

**Q2 The number of people at your Trust currently waiting to receive treatment for cancer?**

A2 As of 26.10.2023 there are 105 patients with a cancer diagnosis who have consented to first treatment and waiting for this to commence, many of these have a treatment start date planned.

**Q3 How long has the person who has waited the longest been waiting?**

A3 Of the 105 patients above, the longest waiter was consented for treatment on the 26/06/2023 due to medical complications on their pathway – they have been booked for treatment in line with clinical guidance.

**Q4 The number of people waiting to start cancer treatment, as measured from the date of urgent referral, who have waited longer than:**

- a. 62 days,
- b. 3 months,
- c. 4 months
- d. 6 months,
- e. 12 months.

A4 Of the 105 patients above, 58 were originally referred on an urgent referral (2ww)

- a. 62 days – 38 patients
- b. 3 months – 27 patients
- c. 4 months – 12 patients
- d. 6 months – 4 patients
- e. 12 months – 0 patients

**Q5 The single longest wait to start cancer treatment, as measured from the date of the urgent referral, for each of the last three years?**

A5 See below:

2022/23 - 321 days  
2021/22 - 254 days  
2020/21 - 252 days

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Yours,



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