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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 18 August 2025, regarding cancer waiting times. We have considered your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), which requires public authorities to respond to requests for recorded information within 20 working days.

In this case, I can confirm that Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB holds some, but not all, of the information you have requested. In responding to your request, we have reviewed the information we hold.

For context, please note that the ICB is a commissioning organisation and does not provide patient care directly. As such, we do not hold detailed patient-level information. The data we hold is used solely for commissioning and oversight purposes.

Please find below our response to your request:

1. How many patients with a referral for suspected cancer are currently waiting for an appointment. If possible, I would like this broken down into the type of cancer.

Please find attached the data available to us from Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (SFH).

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information for Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) due to data quality issues reported nationally. We therefore recommend contacting NUH directly to request this information. Their FOI contact details are available here: [Freedom of Information \(FOI\) | NUH](#).

2. What is the longest someone has currently been on the waiting list after being referred with a possible cancer diagnosis, and I would like to know the type of cancer they are suspected to have.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information. We would recommend contacting Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust directly:

- NUH: [Freedom of Information \(FOI\) | NUH](#)
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals: [FOI request form | Sherwood Forest Hospitals](#).

3. For people that have been diagnosed I would like to know the average wait time for treatment to begin. If possible, I would like this broken down into a type of cancer. I would like this data for 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date.

Please see the data within the spreadsheet provided. We do not hold data relating to the date of diagnosis. However, we have provided the average waiting time in days from the point of referral to the start of first treatment, broken down by cancer tumour type, for the periods requested.

4. For people who have had a cancer diagnosis I would like to know, currently, what is the longest someone has been waiting for treatment and the cancer they have been diagnosed with.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information. We would recommend contacting Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust directly:

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- Sherwood Forest Hospitals: [FOI request form | Sherwood Forest Hospitals](#).

5. For the years 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date I would like to know how many patients have passed away while waiting to start treatment for their cancer diagnosis.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information. The data we hold only relates to active patients, so if a patient is removed from the waiting list for any reason, including death, we are unable to see their details. You may wish to contact the providers directly for this information.

- NUH: [Freedom of Information \(FOI\) | NUH](#)
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals: [FOI request form | Sherwood Forest Hospitals](#).

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FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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