

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 20th February 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. The number of patients who waited a) over 124 days (i.e. 4 months) and b) over 186 days (i.e. 6 months) between an urgent referral from their GP and starting their first treatment for cancer. Please can you provide figures for each of the past four calendar years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020).

Year	Days	
	124 to 186	> 186
2020	17	4
2021	15	4
2022	42	3
2023	59	6

2. The single longest wait in days for a patient to start cancer treatment, as measured from the date of the urgent referral, in the 2023 calendar year?

316 days - complex low risk pathway needed several investigations and discussions with SMDT as non-cancer / supplementary reports – surgery and surveillance (non-harm)

3. The current longest wait in days for a patient still waiting to start their cancer treatment, as measured from the date of urgent referral.

145 Days - patient refused chemotherapy start and is currently back in review with oncologist following further scans (pt choice)

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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