

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-228	13th June 2023
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Could you please provide the following information:

- 1. The number of suspected cancer referrals received by the Health Board in 2022 and 2023 respectively**

Year	Number of suspected cancer referrals
2022	26,071
2023 (Jan to Mar)	9,842

- 2. The number of suspected cancer referrals that had been/are being checked for whether the patient has access to NHS in 2022 and 2023 respectively**

The Health Board does not hold this information.

- 3. The average time that passes from point of referral of a suspected cancer referral to the patient being seen by a specialist in 2022 and 2023 respectively**

Year	Median days to first appointment
2022	15 days
2023 (Jan to Mar)	14 days

- 4. The average time that passes from the point of referral of a suspected cancer referral to the patient being seen by a specialist in 2022 and 2023 respectively in instances where there patients access to NHS has/is being checked**

The Health Board does not hold this information.

- 5. Information on the process the Board follows if it decides it needs to check whether the patient has access to NHS, including whether appointments, including in suspected cancer cases, are delayed until access to NHS has been confirmed**

The Overseas Visitors team will be advised that a patient is an overseas patient and will contact them. Alternatively, a patient may be identified as a potential overseas patient through the overseas visitors database and the team will make contact with them.

The Overseas team process should have no impact on whether a service accepts a referral or delays treatment.

6. The average time that passes from receipt of a letter or email by a patient providing proof of access to NHS to when your Health Board confirms access to NHS has been verified in 2022 and 2023 respectively

The Health Board does not hold this information.