

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-089	9 th March 2021
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I write regarding a Freedom of Information request on missed cancer appointments and would be grateful for the following information:

- 1. The number of “no show” appointments for cancer treatments in October, November, December and January 2020;**
- 2. The number of cancelled appointments for cancer treatments in October, November, December and January 2020, which have been cancelled by the patient;**
- 3. The number of cancelled appointments for cancer treatments in October, November, December and January 2020, which have been cancelled by the Health Board/hospitals/consultants/treatment specialists.**

The Health Board can identify the total number of DNAs, CNAs and HICs ('hospital initiated cancellations') for outpatient appointments for the period requested, but is not able to identify the numbers requested by cancer treatment. As soon as a patient starts their care pathway and become active with outpatient appointments, diagnostic tests etc., then this is recorded against the care provided e.g. a diagnostic test or out-patient speciality. The "cause" of that requirement i.e. cancer is not distinguished from other causes and is simply recorded as activity and cannot be distinguished from other requirements.