

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-116	22 nd March 2022
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1. Please provide the total number of patients seen for an urgent cancer outpatient appointment following a GP referral for the periods below. Please also provide the percentage who were seen within two weeks of an urgent GP referral.

- **1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021**
- **1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021**
- **1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021**
- **1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020**
- **1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019**

Time Period	Total number of patients seen for urgent cancer outpatient appointment following referral	% seen within two weeks of an urgent GP referral
01/07/21-31/12/21	2,855	37.8%
01/01/21-30/06/21	3,377	44.7%
01/01/21-31/12/21	6,232	41.3%
01/01/20-31/12/20	5,339	48.7%
01/01/19-31/12/19	6,024	40.4%

Please note the following applies to Q1 and Q3:

- The periods above are based on when the referral was received by the Health Board and NOT when the patient was seen in outpatients.
- The figures only include urgent referrals for suspected cancer from GPs, Dentists and Optometrists (ALL Primary Care)
- The figures only include new outpatient appointments where the patient attended (or was seen) i.e. will not include DNAs, CNAs etc.
- Given the above, the figures will not include where patients have been referred for a diagnostic test or were admitted directly for treatment (as their first intervention)
- The figures include new outpatient appointments (or attendances) at both face-to-face and virtual (telephone, video etc.) clinics
- The figures include urgent referrals for suspected cancer to ALL specialties/services

2. Please provide the number of patients who received their first definitive cancer treatment for the periods below and the percentage of those who received their first definitive treatment within 31 days of the decision to treat.

- **1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021**

- **1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021**
- **1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021**
- **1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020**
- **1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019**

Time Period	Count of first definitive treatment	Treated within 31 days from DTT	% within 31 days from DTT
01/07/21-31/12/21	1993	1638	82.19%
01/01/21-30/06/21	1884	1652	87.69%
01/01/21-31/12/21	3877	3290	84.86%
01/01/20-31/12/20	3225	2890	89.61%
01/01/19-31/12/19	3667	3249	88.60%

3. What was the average time patients waited to be seen for an urgent cancer outpatient appointment following a GP referral for the time periods below:

- **1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021**
1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021
- **1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021**
1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

Time Period	Average time patients waited to be seen for an urgent cancer outpatient appointment following GP referral
01/07/21-31/12/21	19.9 days
01/01/21-30/06/21	19.4 days
01/01/21-31/12/21	20.0 days
01/01/20-31/12/20	20.7 days
01/01/19-31/12/19	19.4 days

4. What was the average time patients waited for their first definitive cancer treatment following the decision to treat for the time periods below:

- **1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021**
1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021
- **1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021**
1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

Time Period	Average wait time following DTT
01/07/21-31/12/21	15 days
01/01/21-30/06/21	14 days
01/01/21-31/12/21	14 days
01/01/20-31/12/20	13 days
01/01/19-31/12/19	13 days