

Performance Report

March 2021

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Section I: Summary

Restoration of cancer services

The Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance is providing system leadership and operational oversight for the restoration of cancer services. The restoration is focusing on three objectives, namely:

- To create sufficient **capacity** to ensure that patients who have had their care pathways disrupted are delayed no further, and ensure that all newly referred patients are diagnosed and treated promptly;
- To ensure **equity of access** across the system so that patients are not disadvantaged because of local capacity constraints;
- To build **patient confidence** – patients need to be reassured that their diagnosis and treatment will take place in an environment and manner that is safe.

Measure	% of pre-Covid level
2WW referrals	118%
Cancer surgery activity	100%
SACT (inc chemo) delivery	124%

Measure	% of pre-Covid level
Radiotherapy planning	90%
Radiotherapy treatment	76%
Endoscopy capacity	107%

- There is sufficient capacity within SACT and radiotherapy to manage current demand. Lower levels of radiotherapy treatment reflect the adoption of new treatment regimes such as hypofractionation.
- Endoscopy capacity has more than doubled since August 2020, but further capacity is required in order to clear the backlog of patients on the endoscopy waiting list, hence the Amber rating. The Alliance has established an endoscopy operational recovery team (EORT) to oversee and co-ordinate restoration activities.

Summary

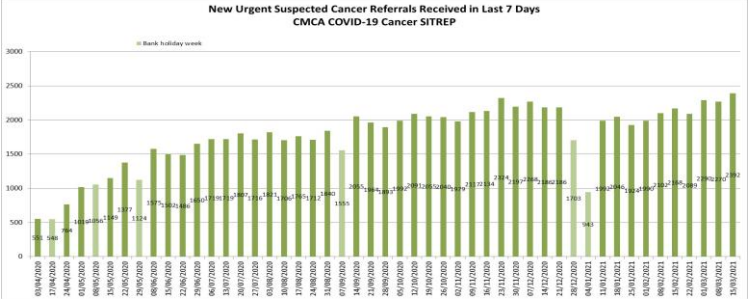
Cancer waiting times performance

The latest published 14 day and 62 day cancer waiting times performance data relate to **January 2021**.

- The Alliance did not achieve the **14 day standard** for urgent suspected cancer referrals in January, with four trusts and seven CCGs falling below the 93% threshold. The overall performance of the Alliance was 86.33%, down from 89.42% last month (England average was 83.39%).
- The Alliance failed the **62 day standard**, achieving 71.36% (down from 80.97 % last month) against a standard of 85% (England average was 71.18%). Ten trusts and seven CCGs failed to meet the 62 day standard. Cheshire and Merseyside is the 10th best performing Alliance in England out of 19 against this standard.
- The number of patients waiting **over 62 days** is significantly higher than pre-Covid levels. On 7th March 2021 there were 1,113 patients waiting more than 62 days for a diagnosis or treatment. This has increased from 1,108 reported last month. The impact of the second and third waves of Covid-19 are the main cause of the deterioration.
- Of these, 373 have waited **over 104 days**. This has increased from 301 reported last month.

Section II: Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

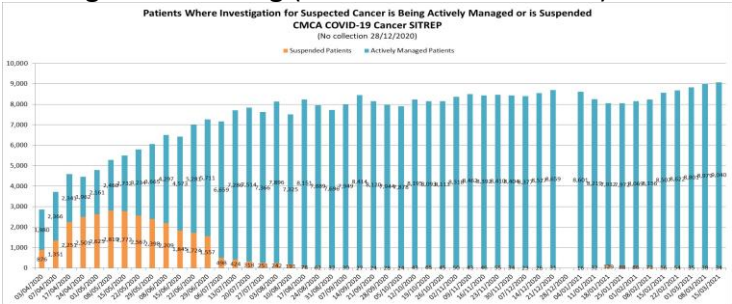
1. TWW referrals received in last 7 days



Referrals at highest level in last 12 months; 18% above pre-COVID average levels

Data note: This metric does not include East Cheshire and only includes head and neck for Mid Cheshire as they feed into Greater Manchester's SITREP.

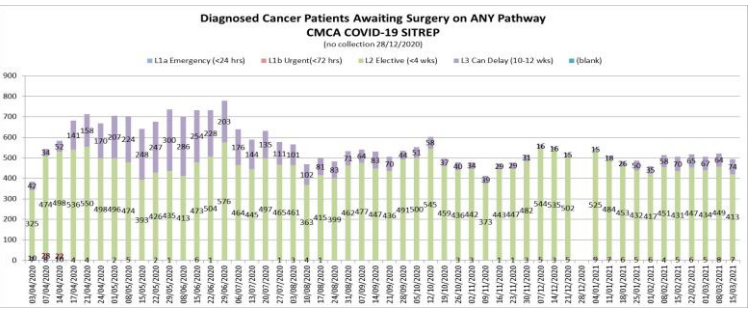
2. Diagnostic backlog (referrals without a DTT)



Currently 9,074 patients (highest on record), of which 34 are suspended.

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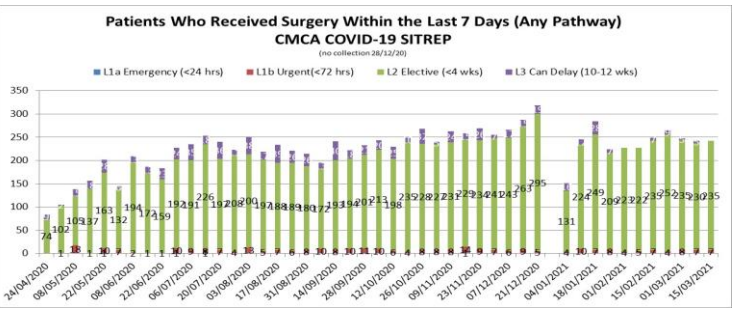
3. Cancer patients awaiting surgery



494 patients with a surgical DTT. 420 at L1&L2 and 74 at L3.

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4. Cancer surgery performed in last 7 days

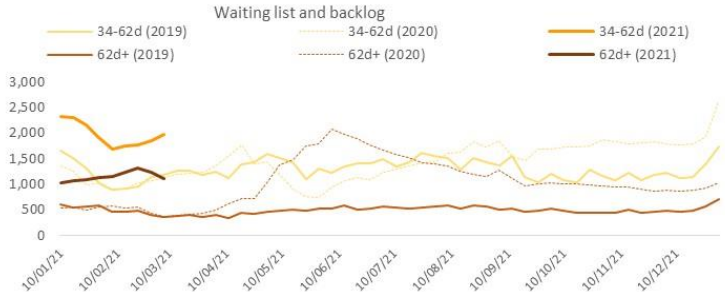


242 cancer operations, of which 23 were through the surgical hub.

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Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

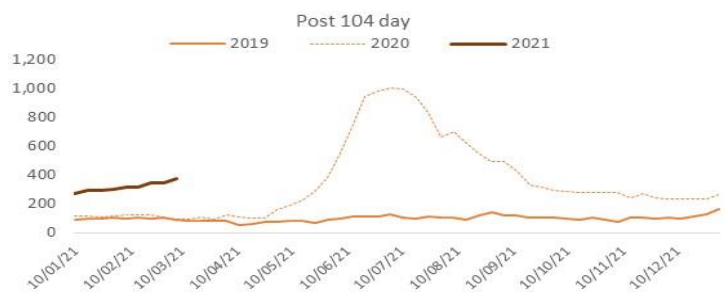
5. Patients waiting over 62 days



1,113 patients have waited over 62 days
- Down from 1,230 in previous week

Data note: This metric includes all C&M trusts including East Cheshire and Mid Cheshire.

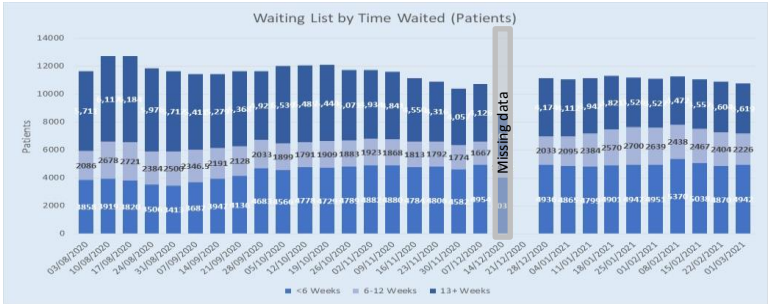
6. Patients waiting over 104 days



373 patients have waited over 104 days
- up from 345 in previous week

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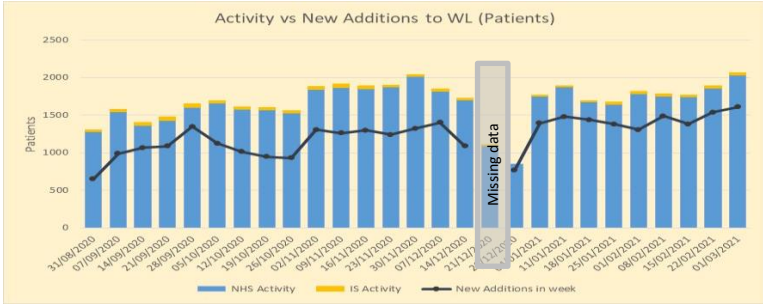
7. Endoscopy waiting list



Endoscopy waiting list fell slightly to 10,781, the 3rd consecutive weekly fall and below August to October weekly figures

Data note: This metric includes all C&M trusts including East Cheshire and Mid Cheshire. No data from East Cheshire or Mid Cheshire 14/12/20; No collection 21/12/2020

8. Endoscopy activity



Activity and new additions both highest on record

Data Quality Issues: No data from East Cheshire 14/12/20; no new additions collection 21/12/20

9. Patients waiting between 63 and 104 days by provider

Row Labels	Brain/ CNS	Breast	Gynaecological	Haematological	Head & Neck	Lower Gastrointestinal	Lung	Non site specific symptoms	Other	Sarcoma	Skin	Upper Gastrointestinal	Urological	Children's cancers	Grand Total
Bridgewater											28				27
Clatterbridge												8			26
Countess Of Chester		23	8			40					6	10	6		95
East Cheshire			5			14						5			28
Liverpool Foundation Trust		11			14	161					10	60	17		277
Liverpool Heart & Chest															
Liverpool Women's			26												26
Mid Cheshire						14									24
Southport & Ormskirk			10			7						7	9		38
St Helens & Knowsley					8	26					12		14		71
Walton Centre															
Warrington & Halton			6		5	47							16		80
Wirral						21							14		47
Grand Total		41	61	8	33	333					66	107	82		740


Tables from [national Cancer PTL](#)
Up to 07 March 2021


10. Patients waiting over 104 days by provider

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Bridgewater											19				19
Clatterbridge															12
Countess Of Chester						14							5		31
East Cheshire						6									10
Liverpool Foundation Trust					11	118						34	15		189
Liverpool Heart & Chest															
Liverpool Women's			10												10
Mid Cheshire															6
Southport & Ormskirk															12
St Helens & Knowsley						8							8		21
Walton Centre															
Warrington & Halton						18							11		34
Wirral						8							14		29
Grand Total		9	23		17	184				5	26	44	57		373

From 22 November 2020, data source changed from CMCA SITREP to national weekly PTL

- Data no longer split out for acute leukaemia or testicular
- New data for non site specific symptoms referrals

 = fewer than 5 patients or hidden to prevent disclosure

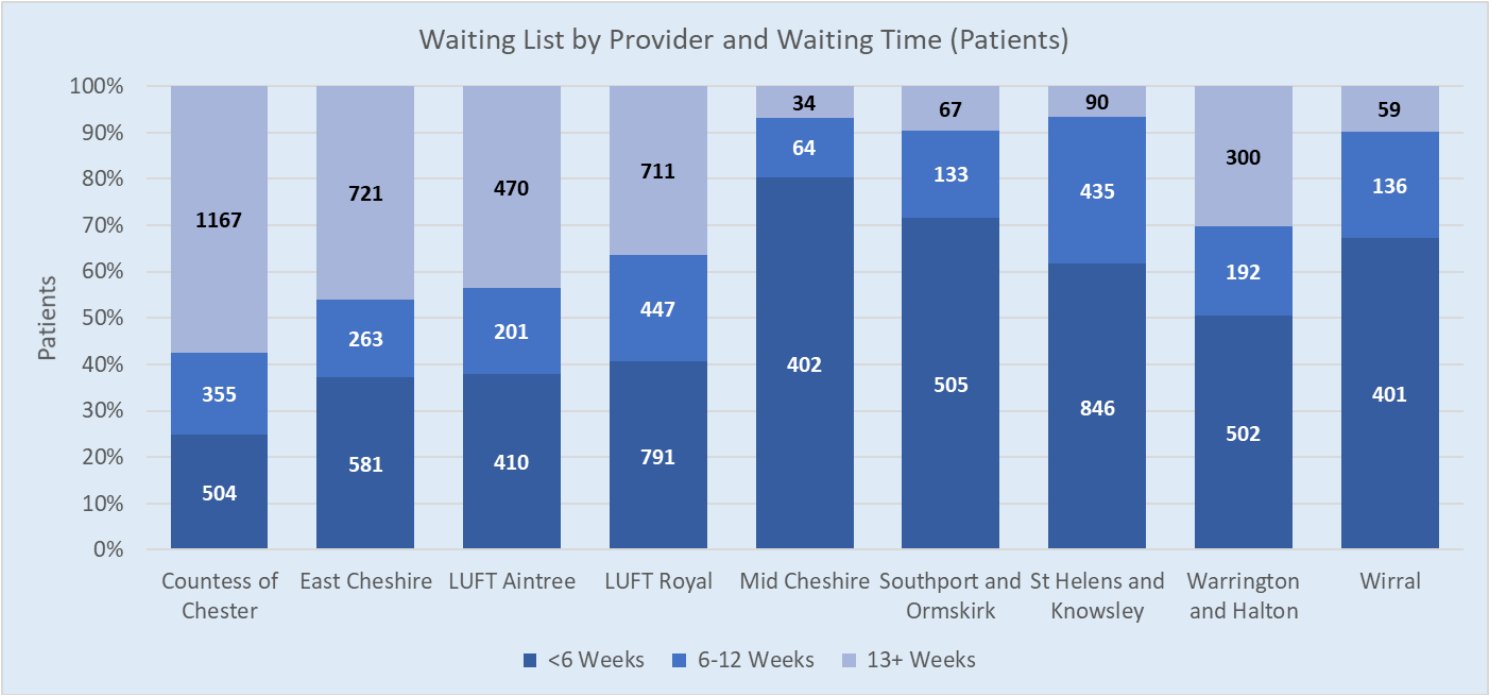
 = no trust submission to national weekly PTL

Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

There are currently 10,781 patients waiting for an endoscopy. 5,845 have waited more than six weeks, and of these 3,619 have waited 13 or more weeks (34% of the total).

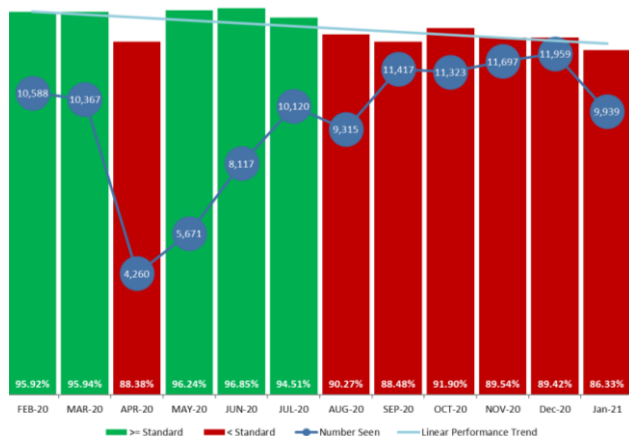
There is significant variation across units, with CoCH and East Cheshire having the greatest proportion of their waiting list made up of patients waiting 13 weeks or more (58% and 46% respectively).

Endoscopy (cancer and non-cancer pathways)



Section II: 14 day and 28 day standards

14 Day Referral to First Seen Standard (January 2021)

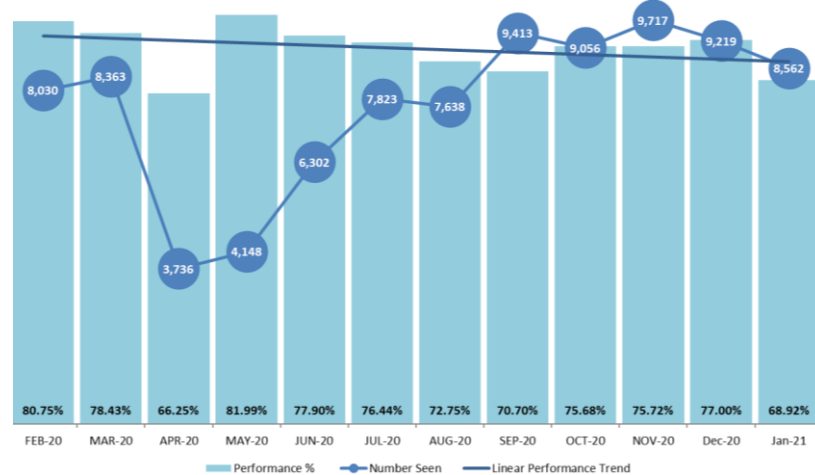


The following trusts did not meet the standard (93%):

- Countess of Chester (70.27%)
- East Cheshire (80%)
- Liverpool University Hospitals (79.96%)
- Southport and Ormskirk (88.27%)
- St Helens and Knowsley (92.4%)
- Warrington and Halton (82.68%)

Only Wirral CCG met the standard.

28 Day Faster Diagnosis Standard (January 2021)



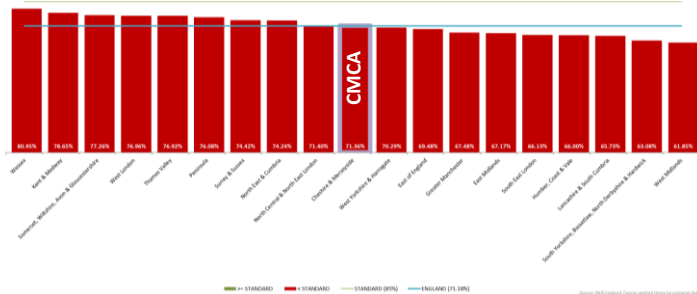
The 28 day FDS standard is still being shadow monitored. The standard is expected to be 75%. The following providers did not achieve 75%:

- Bridgewater (47.62%)
- Clatterbridge (37.5%)
- Countess of Chester (53.13%)
- East Cheshire (58.89%)
- Warrington & Halton (66.11%)
- Liverpool University (72.27%)
- Liverpool Women's (66.52%)
- Southport and Ormskirk (63.68%)
- St Helens & Knowsley (71.53%)

Only Wirral CCG achieved above 75%.

Section III: 62 Day Standard

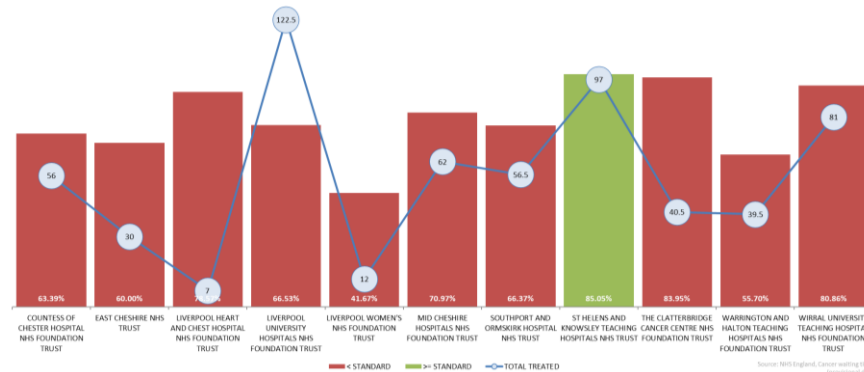
62 Day Performance by Cancer Alliance (January 2021)



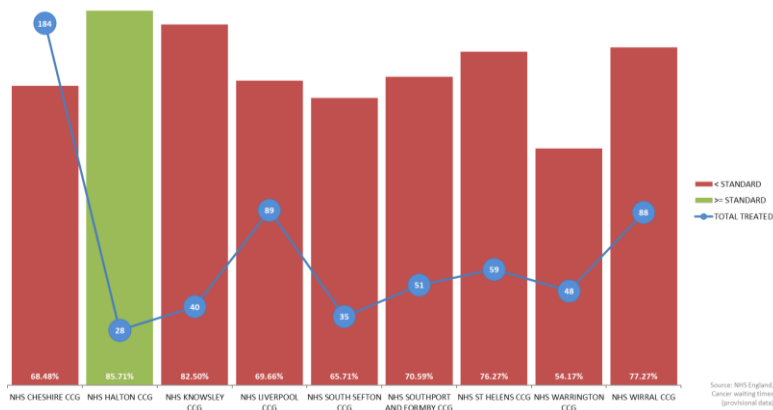
CMCA achieved 71.36% against a standard of 85%.

CMCA was the tenth best performer. The England average was 71.18%

62 Day Performance by Provider (January 2021)



62 Day Performance by CCG (January 2021)



Most Challenged Pathways (January 2021)

Non-compliance with the 62 day standard in January 2021 was largely driven by underperformance in the following tumour groups:

- Urology 72.53% (up from 71.15% last month)
- Lower Gastrointestinal 39.02% (down from 60.98%)
- Gynaecology 39.44% (down from 53.23%)

January's 62 day performance was impacted by a large number of referrals received in December. First appointments were 25% higher than normal in December (higher than any other Alliance).

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