

Performance Report

February 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	102%
Cancer surgery activity	90%
SACT (inc chemo) delivery	122%

Measure	% of pre-Covid level
Radiotherapy planning	91%
Radiotherapy treatment	80%
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. Surgical activity has been lower in January 2021 but the waiting list is stable.
- 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. The current pressures on all services due to the second and third waves of Covid-19 are likely to compromise capacity during the remainder of February.

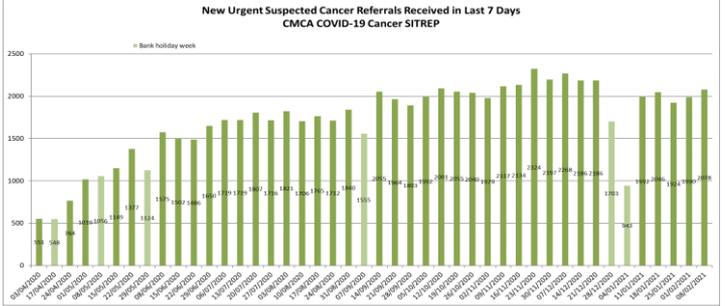
Cancer waiting times performance

The latest published 14 day and 62 day cancer waiting times performance data relate to **November 2020**.

- The Alliance did not achieve the **14 day standard** for urgent suspected cancer referrals in November, with four trusts and seven CCGs falling below the 93% threshold. The overall performance of the Alliance was 89.42%, down from 90.14% last month.
- The Alliance failed the **62 day standard**, achieving 80.97% (up from 77.67% last month) against a standard of 85% (England average was 75.17%). Seven trusts and six CCGs failed to meet the 62 day standard. Cheshire and Merseyside is the 3rd best performing Alliance in England out of 19.
- The number of patients waiting **over 62 days** is significantly higher than pre-Covid levels. On 31st January 2021 there were 1108 patients waiting more than 62 days for a diagnosis or treatment. This has increased from 1035 on 10th January 2021. The impact of the second and third waves of Covid-19 are the main cause of the deterioration.
- Of these, 301 have waited **over 104 days**. This has increased from 273 on 10th January 2021.

Section II: Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

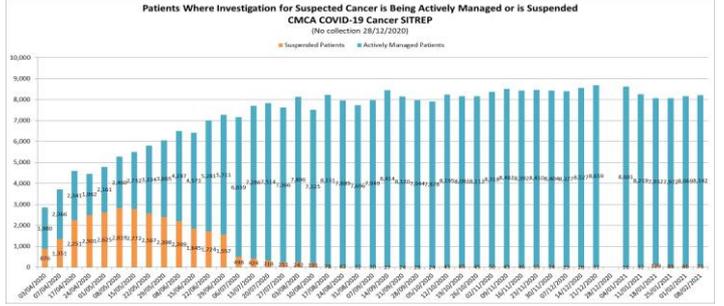
1. TWW referrals received in last 7 days



Referrals are similar to pre-COVID average levels (2% more), and are slightly lower than in December

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. Bridgewater estimated for 08/02/2021.

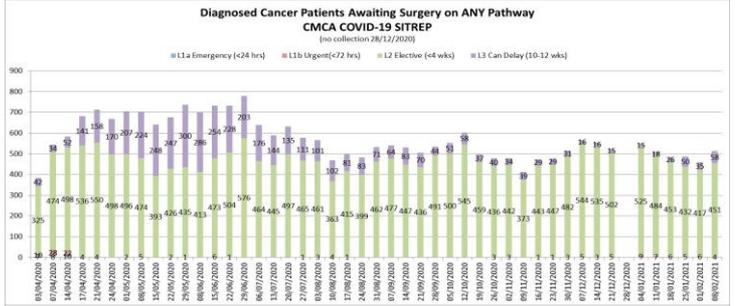
2. Diagnostic backlog (referrals without a DTT)



Currently 8,215 patients, of which 73 are suspended (<1%).

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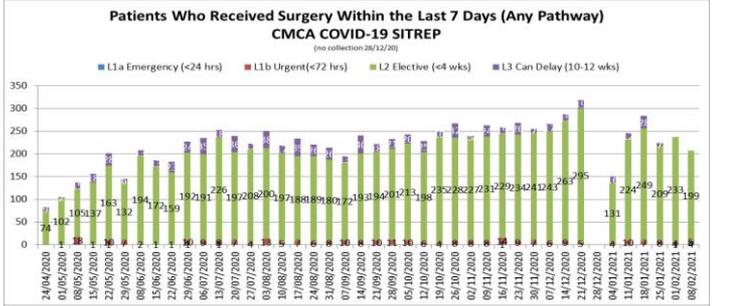
3. Cancer patients awaiting surgery



513 patients with a surgical DTT. 455 at L1&L2 and 58 at L3.

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4. Cancer surgery performed in last 7 days

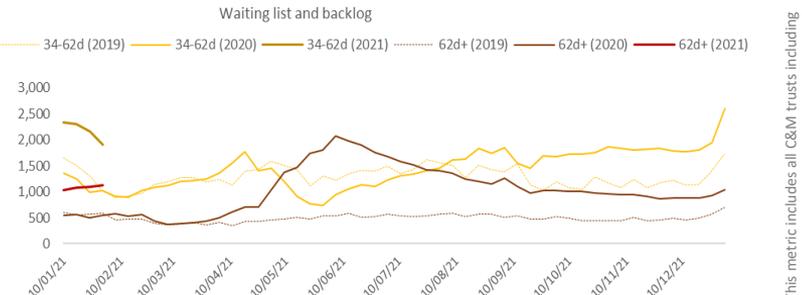


208 cancer operations, of which 15 were through the surgical hub.

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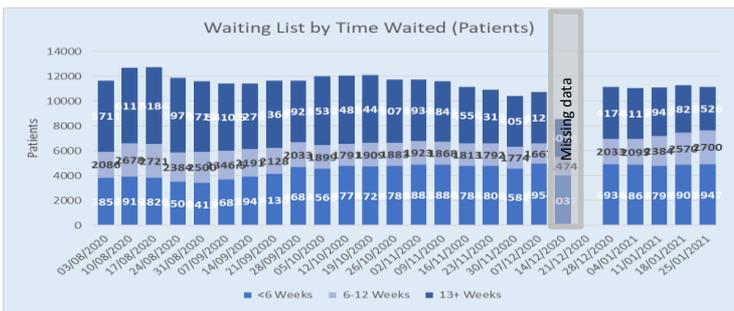
Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

5. Patients waiting over 62 days



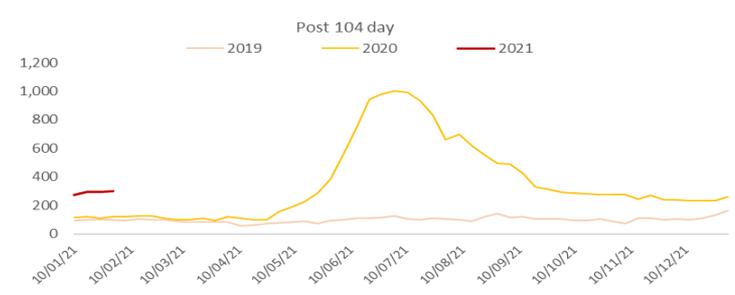
1,134 patients have waited over 62 days
 - Up from 1,100 in previous week

7. Endoscopy waiting list



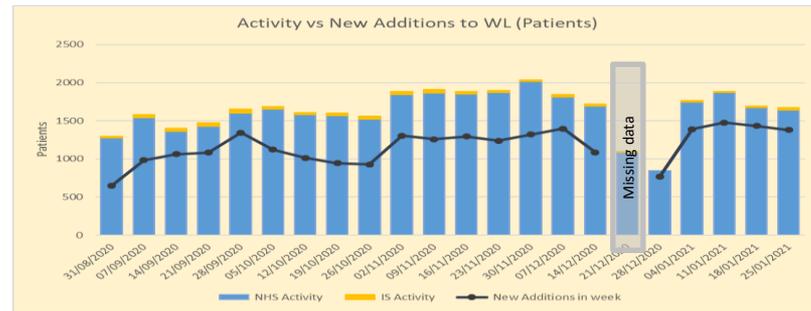
Endoscopy waiting list fell slightly to 11,172 patients.

6. Patients waiting over 104 days



301 patients have waited over 104 days
 - up from 292 in previous week

8. Endoscopy activity



Historic activity slightly lower than previous week; new additions remain high

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															
Clatterbridge		6				8						5	7		41
Countess Of Chester		12	7			36					8	6			77
East Cheshire			5			40						7			59
Liverpool Foundation Trust		17			22	156				5	10	48	36		299
Liverpool Heart & Chest															
Liverpool Women's			21												21
Mid Cheshire						23					5	7	8		50
Southport & Ormskirk			10			12									40
St Helens & Knowsley			8		15	19					13		20		83
Walton Centre															
Warrington & Halton			5			61						6	17		96
Wirral			5			18							12		46
Grand Total		44	67		53	373	13			5	63	87	108		833

Tables from [national Cancer PTL](#)
Up to 31 Jan 2021

10. Patients waiting over 104 days by provider

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Bridgewater											7				7
Clatterbridge															13
Countess Of Chester						11					5		8		29
East Cheshire						7									15
Liverpool Foundation Trust					9	96						32	15		164
Liverpool Heart & Chest															
Liverpool Women's			6												6
Mid Cheshire															5
Southport & Ormskirk															7
St Helens & Knowsley						5									12
Walton Centre															
Warrington & Halton						12									20
Wirral						11							6		23
Grand Total		7	19	8	14	150					20	42	35		301

From 22 November, 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

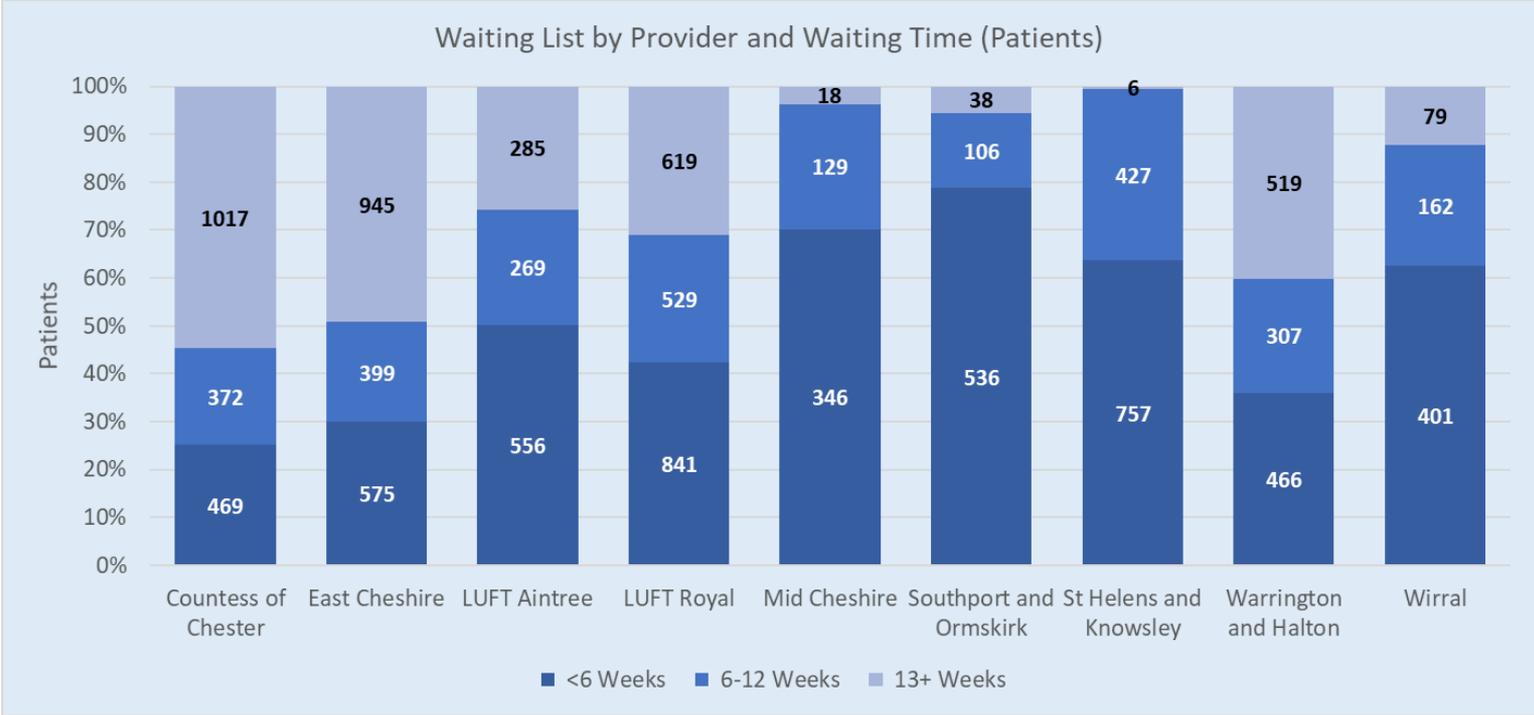
 = no trusts submission to national weekly PTL

Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

Endoscopy (cancer and non-cancer pathways)

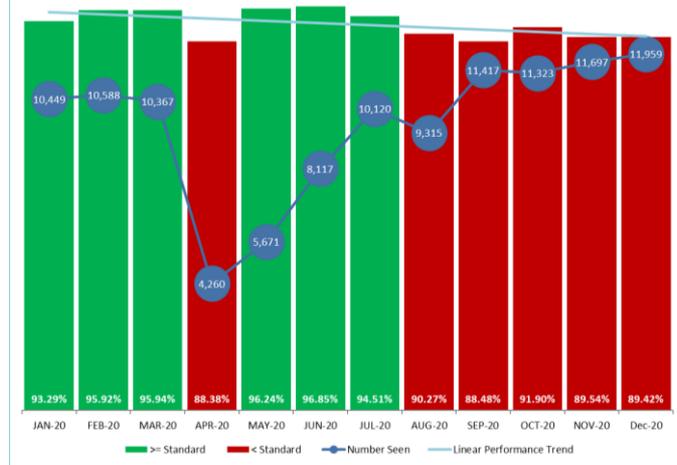
There are currently 11,172 patients waiting for an endoscopy. 6,226 have waited more than six weeks, and of these 3,034 have waited 13 or more weeks (27% of the total).

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



Section II: 14 day and 28 day standards

14 Day Referral to First Seen Standard (December 2020)

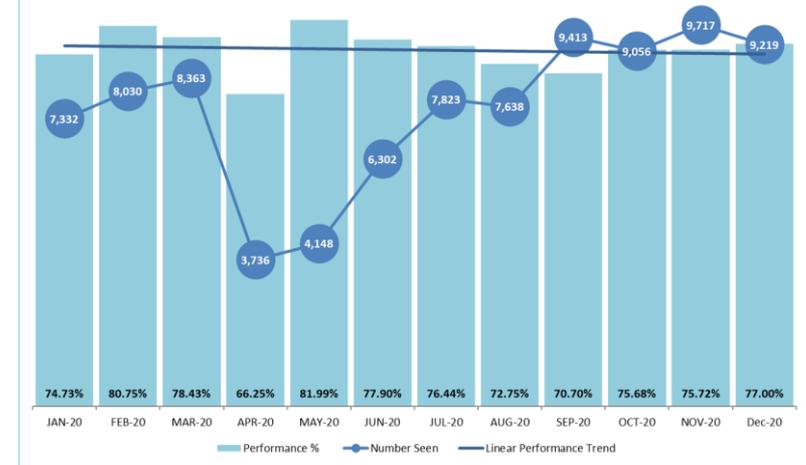


The following trusts did not meet the standard (93%):

- Countess of Chester (80.85%)
- Liverpool University Hospitals (79.85%)
- Southport and Ormskirk (89.47%)
- Warrington and Halton (91.08%)

Cheshire (90.77%), Halton (92.5%), Knowsley (88.17%), Liverpool (86.87%), South Sefton (80.85%), Southport & Formby (75.23%) and Warrington (92.54%) CCGs fell short of the standard.

28 Day Faster Diagnosis Standard (December 2020)



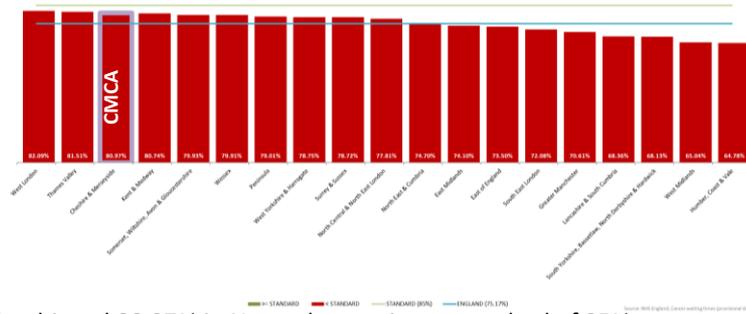
The 28 day FDS standard is still being shadow monitored. The standard is expected to be 75%. The following providers did not achieve 75%:

- Alder Hey (72%)
- Bridgewater (35.37%)
- Countess of Chester (64.75%)
- Liverpool Womens (68.14%)
- Southport and Ormskirk (74.87%)

All CCGs achieved 75% or more except Cheshire CCG (72.66%), Warrington (68.65%), South Sefton (72.71%) and Southport & Formby (74.02%).

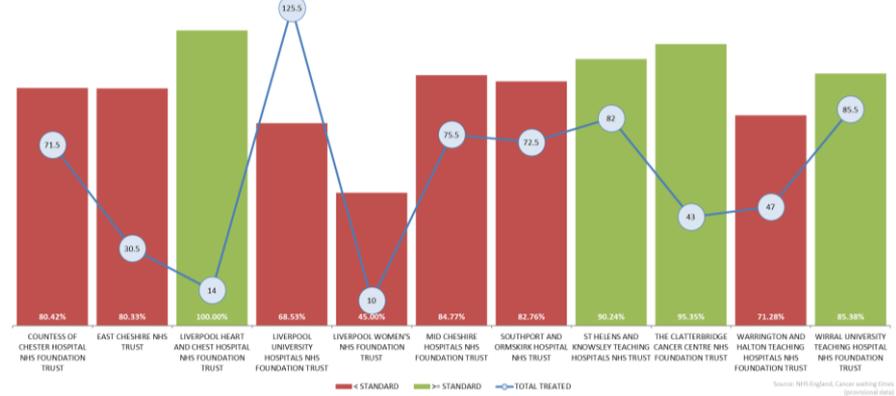
Section III: 62 Day Standard

62 Day Performance by Cancer Alliance (December 2020)

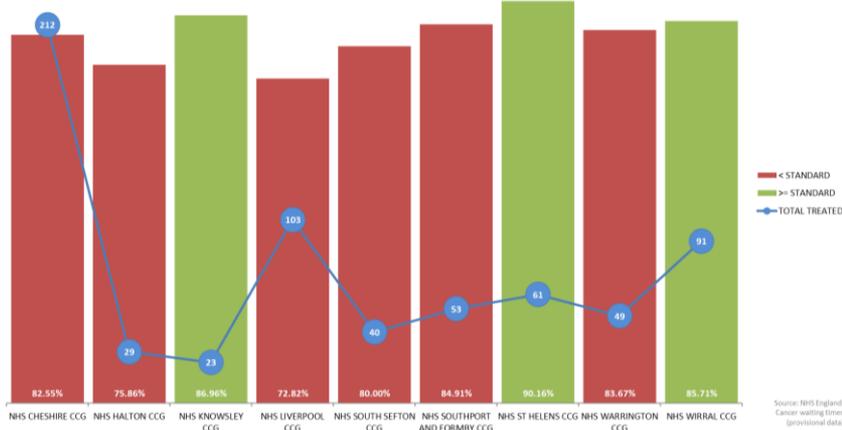


CMCA achieved 80.97% in November against a standard of 85%.
 CMCA was the third best performer. The England average was 75.17%

62 Day Performance by Provider (December 2020)



62 Day Performance by CCG (December 2020)



Most Challenged Pathways (December 2020)

Non-compliance with the 62 day standard in December 2020 was largely driven by underperformance in the following tumour groups:

- Urology 71.15% (down from 75.28% last month)
- Lower Gastrointestinal 60.98% (up from 58% last month)
- Gynaecology 53.23% (down from 63.41%)

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