

Date: 31 January 2020

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 03-2020

Thank you for your email dated 3rd January 2020 requesting information with regards to breast radiotherapy access.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. **In November and December 2019 how many requests/bookings for radical radiotherapy to the breast or chestwall were received by the radiotherapy department?**

50 requests/bookings in total:

- **23 in November**
- **27 in December**

2. **For those patients requested/booked in November and December 2019, how many commenced treatment?**

****33 commenced treatment. Where treatments are also in November and December 2019**

3. **Of those who received treatment what was the average length of time between the request/booking being made and the patient receiving treatment?**

18 Days average

4. What is your average length of time for all radical radiotherapy requests/bookings to starting treatment?

20 Days average

****NB Request/booking date in regards to the data used is defined as the date of Decision To Treat where the decision is made at an MDT meeting to deliver radiotherapy to the patient**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.