

Performance Report

January 2020

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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	100%
Cancer surgery activity	115%
SACT (inc chemo) delivery	122%

Measure	% of pre-Covid level
Radiotherapy planning	89%
Radiotherapy treatment	80%
Endoscopy capacity	109%

- There is sufficient capacity within surgery 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, 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 January and February.

Summary

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 five trusts and seven CCGs falling below the 93% threshold. The overall performance of the Alliance was 90.14%, down from 91.9% last month.
- The Alliance failed the **62 day standard**, achieving 77.67% (up from 77.09% last month) against a standard of 85% (England average was 77.55%). Six trusts and seven CCGs failed to meet the 62 day standard. Cheshire and Merseyside is the 8th best performing Alliance in England out of 19.
- The number of patients waiting **over 62 days** is significantly higher than pre-Covid levels. On 10th January 2021 there were 1035 patients waiting more than 62 days for a diagnosis or treatment. This is an increase on last month (864 on 13th December 2020). The impact of the second and third waves of Covid-19 are the main cause of the deterioration.
- Of these, 273 have waited **over 104 days**. This is a higher than last month (235 on 13th December 2020).

Section II: Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

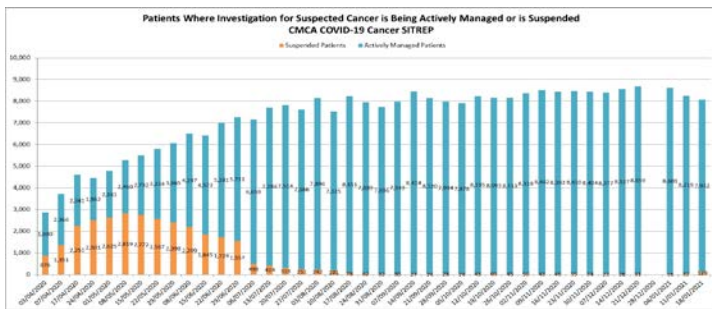
1. TWW referrals received in last 7 days



Referrals are at pre-COVID average levels, but 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.

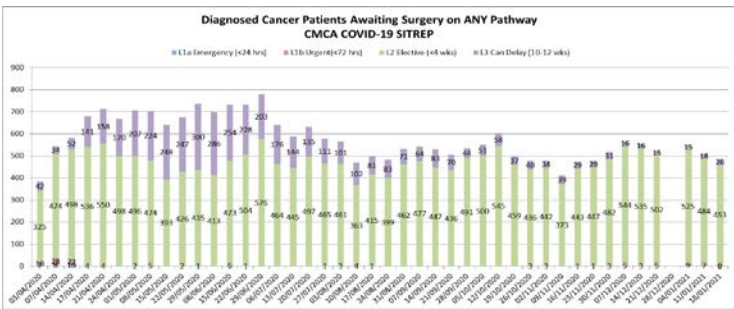
2. Diagnostic backlog (referrals without a DTT)



Currently 8,061 patients, of which 129 are suspended.

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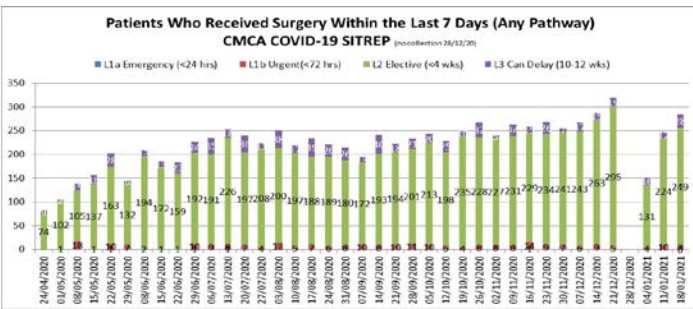
3. Cancer patients awaiting surgery



485 patients with a surgical DTT. 459 at L1&L2 and 26 at L3.

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4. Cancer surgery performed in last 7 days

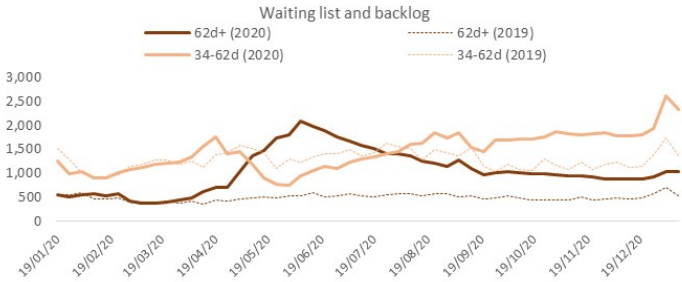


284 cancer operations (similar to December average), of which 7 were through the surgical hub.

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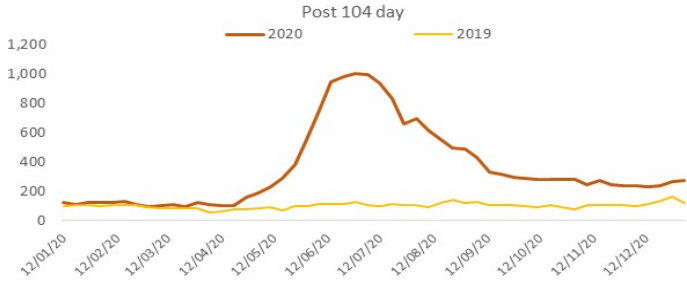
Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

5. Patients waiting over 62 days



1,035 patients have waited over 62 days
- Down from 1,040 in previous week

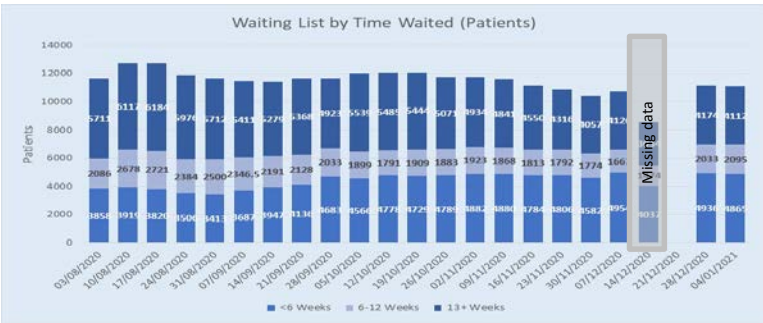
Data note: This metric includes all C&M trusts including East Cheshire and Mid Cheshire.



273 patients have waited over 104 days
- up from 262 in previous week

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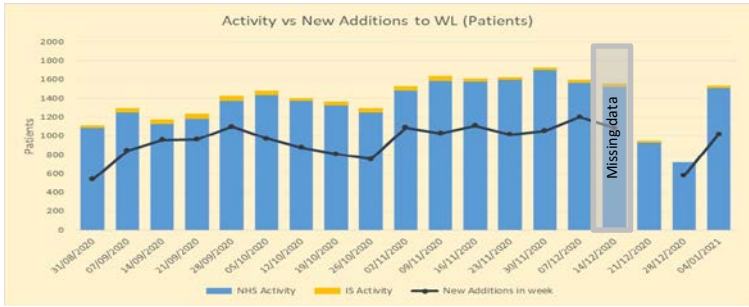
7. Endoscopy waiting list



Endoscopy waiting list remained steady at 11,072 patients, but remained below August to mid November 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



Historic activity at a similar level to mid December, but lower than November

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											8				8
Clatterbridge						7	7					8	8		36
Countess Of Chester		8	7		7	40					12	8	10		97
East Cheshire						39						7			59
Liverpool Foundation Trust		20		5	21	147					10	44	23		276
Liverpool Heart & Chest															
Liverpool Women's			20												20
Mid Cheshire						23					6				41
Southport & Ormskirk			8			14						10	6		45
St Helens & Knowsley			7		11	19						8	11		64
Walton Centre															
Warrington & Halton			8			49							9		76
Wirral			9			11							11		40
Grand Total		36	65	26	47	349	16				43	93	77		762

10. Patients waiting over 104 days by provider

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Bridgewater											5				5
Clatterbridge															10
Countess Of Chester						13					6		11		39
East Cheshire						6									12
Liverpool Foundation Trust						70						30	20		135
Liverpool Heart & Chest															
Liverpool Women's															
Mid Cheshire															
Southport & Ormskirk			7												12
St Helens & Knowsley						10									17
Walton Centre															
Warrington & Halton						14							7		26
Wirral						6									11
Grand Total		6	17	8	10	124					18	42	43		273

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

Orange = fewer than 5 patients or hidden to prevent disclosure

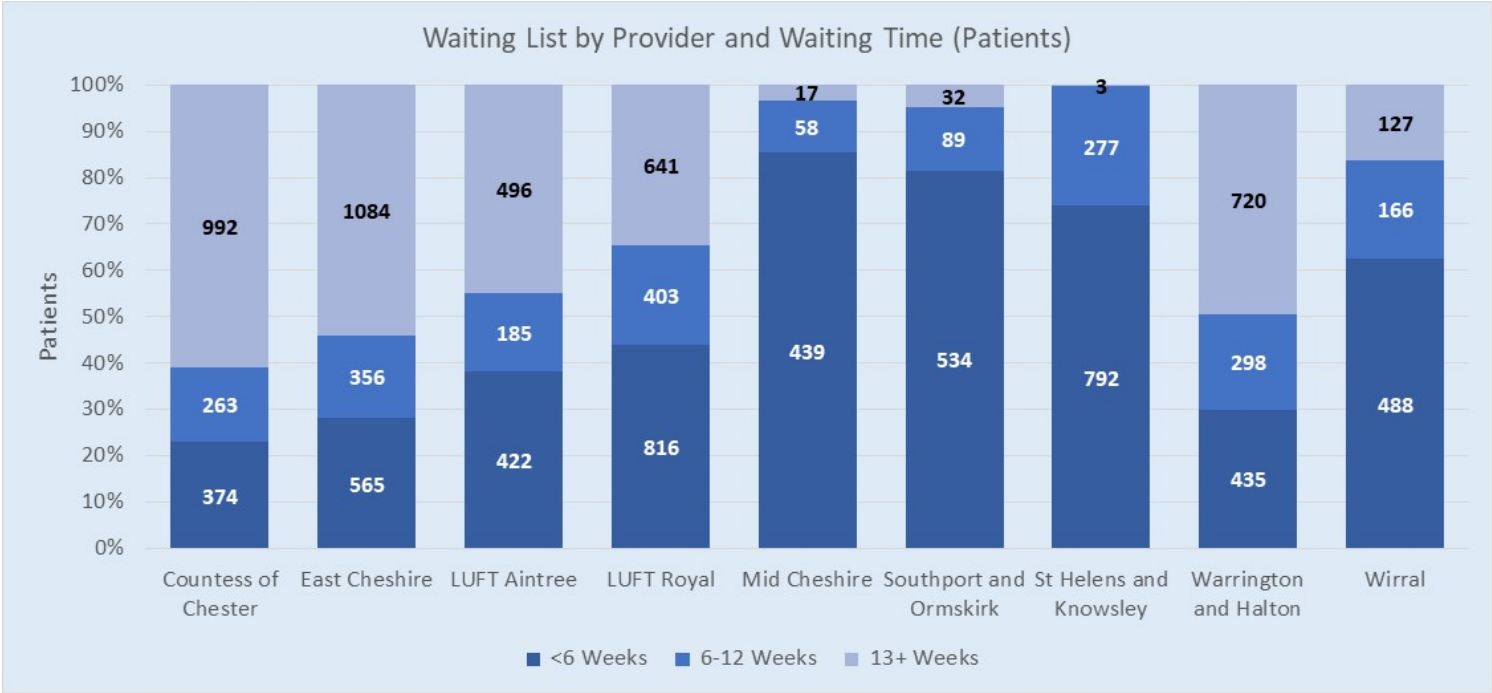
Purple = no trusts submission to national weekly PTL

Restoration of Cancer Services – Core Metrics

There are currently 11,072 patients waiting for an endoscopy. 6,207 have waited more than six weeks, and of these 4,112 have waited 13 or more weeks (37% of the total).

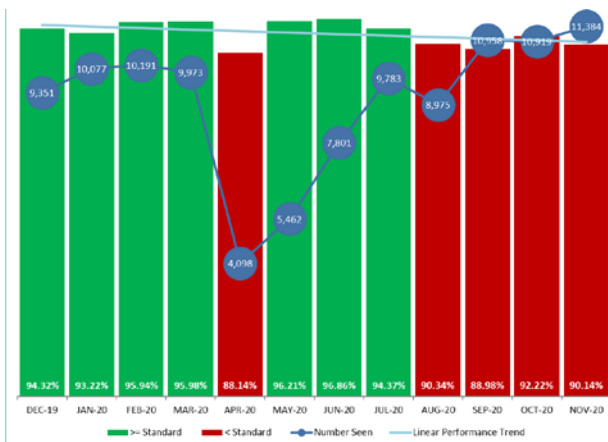
There is significant variation across units, with CoCH, East Cheshire, Aintree and WHH having the greatest proportion of their waiting list made up of patients waiting 13 weeks or more.

Endoscopy (cancer and non-cancer pathways)



Section II: 14 day and 28 day standards

14 Day Referral to First Seen Standard (November 2020)



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

- Countess of Chester (80.82%)
- Liverpool (83.10%)
- Southport and Ormskirk (85.34%)
- Warrington and Halton (91.67%)
- Wirral (90.46%)

Cheshire (91.42%), Halton (92.68%), Knowsley (89.06%), Liverpool (90.17%), South Sefton (80.68%), Southport & Formby (76.17%) and Wirral (90.74%) CCGs fell short of the standard.

28 Day Faster Diagnosis Standard (November 2020)



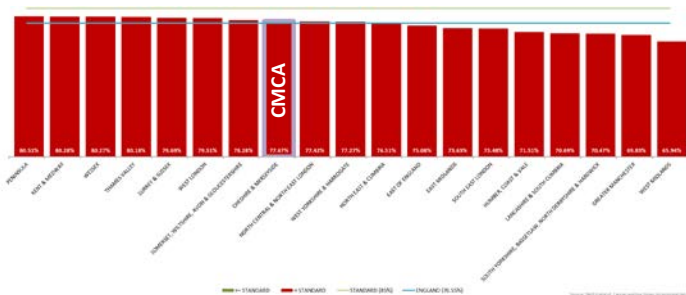
The 28 day FDS standard is still being shadow monitored. The standard is expected to be 75%. The following providers did not achieve 75%:

- Bridgewater (41.3%)
- Liverpool Womens (62.24%)
- Countess of Chester (63.13%)
- Southport and Ormskirk (69.82%)
- Liverpool Heart & Chest (69.23%)

All CCGs achieved 75% or more except Cheshire CCG (71.68%), Warrington (65.79%) and Southport & Formby (71.2%).

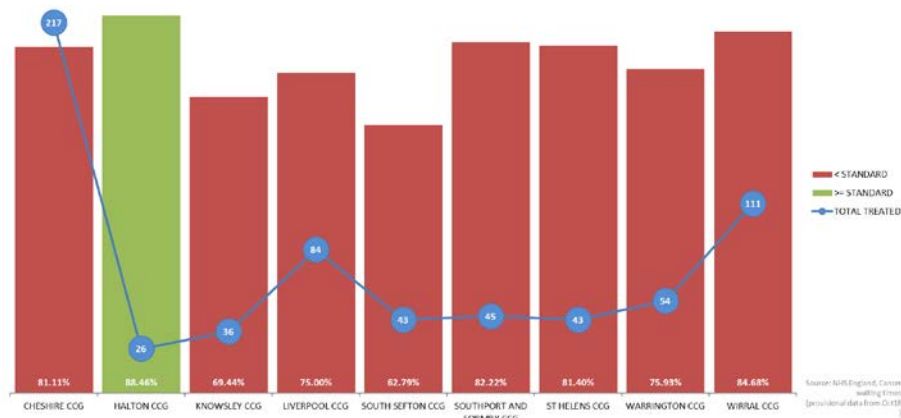
Section III: 62 Day Standard

62 Day Performance by Cancer Alliance (November 2020)

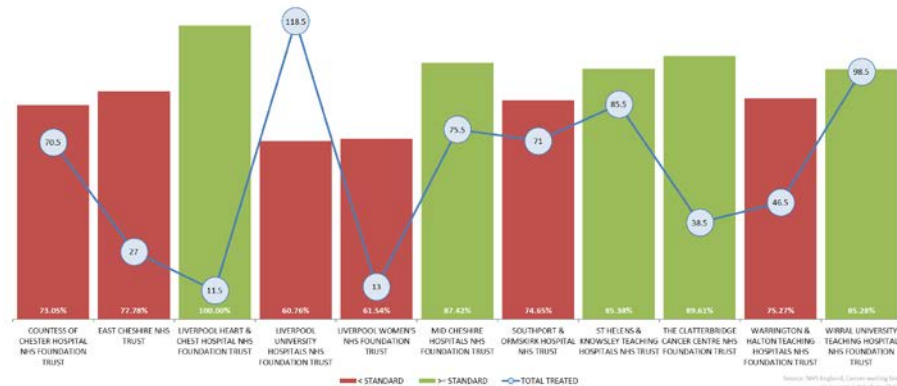


CMCA achieved 77.67% in November against a standard of 85%.
CMCA was the eighth best performer. The England average was 76.55%

62 Day Performance by CCG (November 2020)



62 Day Performance by Provider (November 2020)



Most Challenged Pathways (November 2020)

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

- Urology 75.28% (up from 71.24% last month)
- Lower Gastrointestinal 58% (up from 34.15% last month)

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