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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6219

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 11th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

Please could you provide the following information in relation to your delivery of care for patients newly diagnosed with Melanoma cancer at your Trust:

We request that all information be provided in an electronic format (preferably Excel for data and PDF for documents) back to this email address. If possible, please forward this request to your 'Skin Cancer Clinic' or the relevant department for completion. We appreciate your cooperation and attention to this request under the Freedom of Information Act, and kindly ask for a response within 20 working days.

1. Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols.
2. Which of the following Melanoma NICE guidelines do you currently implement at your Trust/Health Board/other:
 - a. Pre-27th July 2022 NICE guidelines titled 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' Yes or No
 - b. Latest NICE guidelines title 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' released on the 27th July 2022. Yes or No
 - c. Using own Melanoma guideline for the Trust. Yes or No
 - i. If yes, please provide document in PDF format.
3. What is your current waiting time for sentinel lymph node biopsy for those confirmed with any stage melanoma? Please provide measure (Weeks, months etc, but please identify..)
4. In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.
5. Is ultrasound used in any of the follow up pathways for the stages of Melanoma below for patients in your Trust, please answer Yes or No:
 - IA Yes or No
 - IB Yes or No
 - IIA Yes or No
 - IIB Yes or No
6. For the following NHS financial year dates, how many melanoma cases per year have been newly diagnosed in

your Trust

a. 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23

7. Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2022/23 the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not offer services for Melanoma cancer. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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