

Reference:	FOI.8319.22
Subject:	Cancer referrals
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Requested:

1. Please provide the total number of patients seen for an urgent cancer outpatient appointment following a GP referral for the periods below. Please also provide the percentage who were seen within two weeks of an urgent GP referral.
 - 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020
 - 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

2. Please provide the number of patients who received their first definitive cancer treatment for the periods below and the percentage of those who received their first definitive treatment within 31 days of the decision to treat.
 - 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020
 - 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

3. What was the average time patients waited to be seen for an urgent cancer outpatient appointment following a GP referral for the time periods below:
 - 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020
 - 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

4. What was the average time patients waited for their first definitive cancer treatment following the decision to treat for the time periods below:
 - 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021
 - 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021
 - 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020
 - 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of patients seen for an initial urgent cancer outpatient appointment following a GP referral and the percentage that were seen within two (2) weeks, for the requested periods.

Period	Number of patients	Percentage
1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021	7,085	39%
1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021	6,162	52%
1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	13,247	45%
1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	9,896	55%
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	13,807	53%

Please note:- The numbers provided are based on patient referrals received and recorded on the Cancer Tracking Module of the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS).

2. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of patients that received their first definitive cancer treatment and the percentage that received their first definitive treatment within thirty one (31) days of the decision to treat, for the requested periods.

Period	Number of patients	Percentage
1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021	656	12%
1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021	680	28%
1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	1,336	20%
1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	1,233	29%
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	1,517	19%

Please note:- The numbers provided are based on patient referrals received and recorded on the Cancer Tracking Module of the WPAS.

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the average time, in days, that patients waited to be seen for an urgent cancer outpatient appointment following a GP referral, for the requested periods.

Period	Average daily wait
1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021	19
1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021	21
1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	20
1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	19
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	18

Please note:- The numbers provided are based on the waiting times between urgent referral and first appointment/treatment, recorded on the Cancer Tracking Module of the WPAS.

4. The UHB, provides, within the table below, the average time, in days, that patients waited for their first definitive cancer treatment following the decision to treat for the requested periods.

	Period	Average daily wait	
	1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021	26	
	1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021	19	
	1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	22	
	1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	16	
	1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	20	