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Subject: Gynae Cancer

I refer to the above and am requesting information in relation to same under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please can you provide the following information?

1/ How many people were urgently red-flagged by their GP for suspected gynae cancer within your Trust in the following years?

- a/ Jan – Dec 2018?
- b/ Jan – Dec 2019?
- c/ Jan – Dec 2020?
- d/ Jan - Dec 2021?
- e/ Jan – March 31 2022?

Year Referred	No. GP Referrals
2018	1233
2019	1253
2020	1211
2021	1331
2022 (Jan - Mar)	372

2/ For the same time periods, how long were the longest waits to be seen after being red-flagged & for how many patients?

Tables below are based on patients that were seen by year and may not necessarily have been referred by their GP in the same year i.e. if patient was referred at the end of Dec 2019 by their GP they would be included in the 2020 figures below:

Year Seen	Over target	Under target	Grand Total	% Within Target
2018	178	915	1093	84%
2019	317	785	1102	71%
2020	279	759	1038	73%
2021	409	754	1163	65%
2022	151	158	309	51%

Year Seen	Longest Wait	No. Patients	Average Wait
2018	28	<5	11
2019	39	<5	13
2020	45	<5	13
2021	44	<5	14
2022	40	<5	16

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3/ For the same time periods, of those of those red-flagged – how many patients went on to be diagnosed with gynae cancer?

Table below shows the year patient was referred and how many had a confirmed cancer:

Year Referred	No. Patients
2018	49
2019	45
2020	44
2021	57

4/ For the same time periods, how long was the longest wait for results of diagnostic tests?

There is no easy way to run this information from our system so we would have to manually check all the patients which would take greater than 18 hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

5/ For the same time periods, how long was the longest wait for definitive treatment once a decision to treat had been taken & for how many patients?

Table below is based on patients recorded as commencing first definitive treatment. Please note there is no data available yet for 2022.

Year Referred	Longest Wait (Days)	No. Patients
2018	43	<5
2019	52	<5
2020	42	<5
2021	42	<5

6/ For the same time periods, how many patients died of gynae cancer while waiting for treatment – once a decision to treat had been taken?

Year Referred	No. Patients
2018	<5

No data recorded for other years.