

17 September 2024

Patients Diagnosed & Treated for Liposarcoma, Breast & Bowel Cancer in 2023

QUESTIONS:

Please supply data to confirm how many cases of the undernoted cancer types were diagnosed in 2023:

1. Liposarcoma
2. Breast cancer
3. Bowel cancer

Of the above, how many received a treatment plan with treatment commencing within 3 to 6 months?

How many of the above cases were put on 'watch and wait'?

RESPONSES:

Patients diagnosed in 2023 and treated in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT):

Diagnosis	Patients	Treated within 3 months Patients (%)	Treated 3 to 6 months Patients (%)	Treated greater than 6 months Patients (%)	Watch & Wait Numbers (%)
Breast Cancer	524	514 (98%)	*	*	*
Bowel Cancer	421	395 (94%)	14 (3%)	*	8 (2%)
Liposarcoma	6	*	*	*	*

*For data protection purposes numbers <5 cannot be reported in line with Cancer Registration Rules.

Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.