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Subject: Skin Cancer Treatment Times

Q1 The number of patients who were on a waiting list at your Trust to start treatment following an urgent referral for any type of skin cancer for the each of the following financial years a) 2019/2020, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/2023 e) 2023/24

A1 The trust has not received any diagnosis of cancer after an urgent referral for a possible skin cancer. The trust has also not started any treatment for any skin cancers.

To further clarify, the Trust do get referrals for skin lesions, which are directed to plastics and dermatology for initial consultation. The Trust may start a diagnostic process but if a diagnosis is made the patient is referred to the skin MDT at Bridgewater. If anti-cancer therapy treatment is required for under 16's they would be referred back to the Trust under the direction of the skin MDT and they would remain involved and direct therapy. However, this process is very rare and unusual as it is not common to see skin cancer in children.

Q2 The number of patients who were on a waiting list at your Trust following an urgent referral for any type of skin cancer who waited longer than i) 62-days, ii) six-months, iii) 12-months to start treatment for the each of the following financial years a) 2019/2020, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/2023 e) 2023/24

A2 Not applicable as per A1.

Q3 The longest a patient waited who was on a waiting list at your Trust following an urgent referral for any type of skin cancer to start treatment in the financial year 2023/24

A3 Not applicable as per A1.