



## FOI 2027

Date 17/07/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

**I am writing to submit an FOI concerning waiting times for consultant-led treatment, for both inpatient and outpatients.**

**Firstly I would like to give some context to aid in the interpretation of my request. I am familiar with the NHS England Consultant-led Referral to Treatment Waiting Times statistics that are published monthly, and am looking for more specific figures about patients who leave this waiting list. I know leaving the waiting list could be because of a range of scenarios - the patient has had the scan/procedure/appointment they were waiting for, they have refused treatment, they have failed to show up and therefore been removed from the waiting list etc.**

**I would the following data broken down by month for between December 2018 to January 2023:**

- 1. How many patients left the waiting list for whatever reason? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list.**
- 2. Of these, how many left the waiting list because they were admitted as an emergency and treated for the condition their referral related to during their emergency stay, therefore ending the treatment waiting pathway? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list. Please note that the Welsh government has outlined how this may occur on page 8 of this guidance here: <https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsenedd.wales%2Fmedia%2Fycspv5fr%2Fhospital-waiting-times.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cbhn-tr.foibedfordshirehospitals%40nhs.net%7C654044ce4695462d742708db14011faa%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638125767274994217%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=liqmjJvvIE%2Fz%2BPVV4VByUwC4CIVwX5M6pYqCNAfUKq4%3D&reserved=0>**
- 3. Of these (patients in question 1), how many left the waiting list because they died? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they were on more than one waiting list when they died.**



A patient could be subject to multiple different referrals, so I would like data based on the referrals rather than individual people i.e. if a person dies while on three waiting lists for instance, I would like them to be counted as three referral waiting periods/RTT pathways ending due to death.

Request	Year	Month	Total
How many patients left the waiting list for whatever reason? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list.	2018	Jan	949
		Feb	785
		Mar	907
		Apr	815
		May	884
		Jun	911
		Jul	869
		Aug	957
		Sep	881
		Oct	900
		Nov	944
		Dec	748
	2019	Jan	1058
		Feb	919
		Mar	966
		Apr	854
		May	992
		Jun	912
		Jul	930
		Aug	844
		Sep	877
		Oct	1036
		Nov	916
		Dec	750
	2020	Jan	1037
		Feb	982
		Mar	858
		Apr	462
		May	550
		Jun	1234
		Jul	972
		Aug	747
		Sep	963
		Oct	1009
		Nov	989
		Dec	856
	2021	Jan	661
		Feb	737
		Mar	966
		Apr	800
		May	1038



		Jun	1134
		Jul	1162
		Aug	1121
		Sep	990
		Oct	989
		Nov	960
		Dec	731
	2022	Jan	932
		Feb	1114
		Mar	1072
		Apr	894
		May	1079
		Jun	894
		Jul	830
		Aug	984
		Sep	1016
		Oct	1019
		Nov	1166
		Dec	1320
	2023	Jan	1102
And of these (patients in question 1), how many left the waiting list because they died?	2018	Jan	42
		Feb	60
		Mar	47
		Apr	36
		May	50
		Jun	43
		Jul	40
		Aug	40
		Sep	43
		Oct	56
		Nov	77
		Dec	53
	2019	Jan	88
		Feb	55
		Mar	48
		Apr	57
		May	49
		Jun	60
		Jul	35
		Aug	52
		Sep	59
		Oct	46
		Nov	53
		Dec	64
	2020	Jan	61
		Feb	66
		Mar	96
		Apr	96



		May	72	
		Jun	61	
		Jul	64	
		Aug	53	
		Sep	63	
		Oct	76	
		Nov	81	
		Dec	106	
	2021	Jan	138	
		Feb	83	
		Mar	68	
		Apr	54	
		May	85	
		Jun	62	
		Jul	67	
		Aug	59	
		Sep	80	
		Oct	96	
		Nov	84	
		Dec	66	
	2022	Jan	120	
		Feb	81	
		Mar	59	
		Apr	70	
		May	78	
		Jun	88	
		Jul	77	
		Aug	61	
		Sep	84	
		Oct	87	
		Nov	91	
		Dec	89	
	2023	Jan	86	
	Of these, how many left the waiting list because they were admitted as an emergency and treated for the condition their referral related to during their emergency stay, therefore ending the treatment waiting pathway?	2018	Jan	6
			Feb	1-5
			Mar	1-5
Apr			1-5	
May			1-5	
Jun			0	
Jul			1-5	
Aug			1-5	
Sep			1-5	
Oct			1-5	
Nov			1-5	
Dec			1-5	
2019		Jan	1-5	
		Feb	1-5	
		Mar	0	



		Apr	0
		May	1-5
		Jun	1-5
		Jul	1-5
		Aug	1-5
		Sep	1-5
		Oct	1-5
		Nov	1-5
		Dec	1-5
	2020	Jan	1-5
		Feb	1-5
		Mar	0
		Apr	0
		May	1-5
		Jun	6
		Jul	1-5
		Aug	0
		Sep	1-5
		Oct	1-5
		Nov	1-5
		Dec	1-5
	2021	Jan	1-5
		Feb	10
		Mar	8
		Apr	13
		May	18
		Jun	8
		Jul	1-5
		Aug	8
		Sep	1-5
		Oct	6
		Nov	20
		Dec	16
	2022	Jan	10
		Feb	12
		Mar	8
		Apr	1-5
		May	12
		Jun	9
		Jul	1-5
		Aug	11
		Sep	7
Oct		11	
Nov		13	
Dec		7	
2023	Jan	10	



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Yours sincerely,

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