

03/11/2022

Dear Requester,

**FOI 1674**

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

You asked:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following data:**

* **The number of oral cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between January 2017 and the most recent completed month that is available (most likely July or August 2022).**

Data presented represents 2 week wait referrals into the Oral maxillo facial service , this includes all referrals internal and external relating to Oral Maxillo conditions which cover an extensive list of conditions.

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| **Request FOI - 2022-1674** |  | **Total** |
| The number of oral cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between January 2017 and the most recent completed month that is available (most likely July or August 2022). I also request this data be presented as monthly figures. |  |   |
| **2017** |  | **Total** |
| Jan |  | 36 |
| Feb |  | 43 |
| Mar |  | 45 |
| Apr |  | 43 |
| May |  | 61 |
| Jun |  | 47 |
| Jul |  | 63 |
| Aug |  | 50 |
| Sep |  | 61 |
| Oct |  | 65 |
| Nov |  | 63 |
| Dec |  | 46 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **623** |
| **2018** |  | **Total** |
| Jan |  | 45 |
| Feb |  | 47 |
| Mar |  | 44 |
| Apr |  | 53 |
| May |  | 56 |
| Jun |  | 81 |
| Jul |  | 92 |
| Aug |  | 80 |
| Sep |  | 71 |
| Oct |  | 75 |
| Nov |  | 87 |
| Dec |  | 60 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **791** |
| **2019** |  | **Total** |
| Jan |  | 82 |
| Feb |  | 77 |
| Mar |  | 74 |
| Apr |  | 75 |
| May |  | 93 |
| Jun |  | 79 |
| Jul |  | 74 |
| Aug |  | 71 |
| Sep |  | 79 |
| Oct |  | 52 |
| Nov |  | 63 |
| Dec |  | 48 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **867** |
| **2020** |  | **Total** |
| Jan |  | 77 |
| Feb |  | 53 |
| Mar |  | 53 |
| Apr |  | 11 |
| May |  | 18 |
| Jun |  | 32 |
| Jul |  | 42 |
| Aug |  | 41 |
| Sep |  | 43 |
| Oct |  | 46 |
| Nov |  | 48 |
| Dec |  | 53 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **517** |
| **2021** |  | **Total** |
| Jan |  | 51 |
| Feb |  | 38 |
| Mar |  | 56 |
| Apr |  | 74 |
| May |  | 49 |
| Jun |  | 74 |
| Jul |  | 88 |
| Aug |  | 61 |
| Sep |  | 57 |
| Oct |  | 73 |
| Nov |  | 56 |
| Dec |  | 54 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **731** |
| **2022** |  | **Total** |
| Jan |  | 92 |
| Feb |  | 62 |
| Mar |  | 70 |
| Apr |  | 74 |
| May |  | 86 |
| Jun |  | 84 |
| Jul |  | 103 |
| Aug |  | 95 |
| TOTAL |  | **666** |
| ALL YEARS TOTAL |  | **4195** |

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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