



## FOI 2117

Date 09/05/2023

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) **If a patient residing in one of the trust's hospitals was diagnosed or had previously been diagnosed with cancer, would they be able to receive treatment when they were an inpatient.**

A patient will receive treatment in our chemotherapy suite even if they are an inpatient as long as they are medically fit enough. The patient is transferred to the chemotherapy suite and then taken back to the ward.

If the patient is not well enough for treatment then it will be deferred until they are.

- i) **If not, does the Trust have a policy of patients receiving treatment for cancer only when they are an outpatient - and does this depend on which kind of treatment they receive?**  
N/A

- ii) **In addition, could you please confirm the average time it takes from the decision that a patient is medically fit to be discharged until they are discharged.**

The majority of patients are PO which would be within 24 hours - each individual patient is different.

\*Please note: This is not information that is specifically held by the Trust. However, the departments involved have provided the above response to the questions, which we hope you find helpful.

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Yours sincerely,

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