



FOI 2946

Date 15/04/2024

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:

1. How many fatalities have been due to cancer wrong diagnosis or failure/delay diagnosis in the last three years (Between 2021-up to and including any data held for 2024)?

For example: The number of incidents where the Primary Cause is 'Wrong Diagnosis' or 'Failure/Delay Diagnosis' and where both injury codes 'Cancer' and 'Fatality' are recorded?

Answer:

In response to the FOI request below, we have looked for any incidents marked as Missed or delayed cancer diagnosis where the harm level was fatal, however we have identified no incidents meeting this criteria. We have searched under the incident category of 'failure to diagnose', and we have also checked under the sub-categories of 'missed diagnosis', 'diagnosis delayed', 'diagnosis failure', 'diagnosis incorrect (misdiagnosis)', and 'wrong diagnosis', but have not identified any further incidents which meets the criteria within the specified timeframes.

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Yours sincerely,

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