

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please could you provide the following information in relation to your delivery of care for patients newly diagnosed with Melanoma cancer at your Trust?

We request that all information be provided in an electronic format (preferably Excel for data and PDF for documents) back to this email address. If possible, please forward this request to your 'Skin Cancer Clinic' or the relevant department for completion. We appreciate your cooperation and attention to this request under the Freedom of Information Act, and kindly ask for a response within 20 working days.

1. Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols. A table is provided below for your convenience, or you may return the information in an Excel spreadsheet.

Melanoma stage	Year 1 follow-ups	Year 2 follow-ups	Year 3 follow-ups	Year 4 follow-ups	Year 5 follow-ups	After year 5
Example IB	2	1	1	1	1	0

IA
IB
IIA
IIB

Headings for excel table

Melanoma, Year 1 follow-ups, Year 2 follow-ups, Year 3 follow-ups, Year 4 follow-ups, Year 5 follow-up's

EPUT does not treat patients with skin cancer. As we are a mental health, community and learning disabilities Trust, we are unable to respond to this request.

2. Which of the following Melanoma NICE guidelines do you currently implement at your Trust/Health Board/other?

- Pre-27th July 2022 NICE guidelines titled 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' Yes or No
- Latest NICE guidelines title 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' released on the 27th July 2022. Yes or No
- Using own Melanoma guideline for the Trust. Yes or No
 - If yes, please provide document in PDF format.

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3. What is your current waiting time for sentinel lymph node biopsy for those confirmed with any stage melanoma? Please provide measure (Weeks, months etc, but please identify..)

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4. In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.

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5. Is ultrasound used in any of the follow up pathways for the stages of Melanoma below for patients in your Trust, please answer Yes or No:

- IA Yes or No
- IB Yes or No
- IIA Yes or No
- IIB Yes or No

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6. For the following NHS financial year dates, how many melanoma cases per year have been newly diagnosed in your Trust

a. 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23

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7. Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2022/23 the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?

To help with the completion, we have inserted a table below for ease.

Melanoma stage Total patients reviewed Total sentinel lymph node biopsies completed IA IB IIA IIB IIC Please note: To help with this question 6 & 7, the OPCS code for sentinel lymph node is 'O14.2 + ICD-10 code C43 Malignant melanoma of skin', then supported by the cancer stage.

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