

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 23rd January 2025 FOI Ref No 27540

Requested Information:

- 1- Currently what is the average wait for patients who have been diagnosed and treated for melanoma to have their follow-up full body skin checks (those who are supposed to be seen every four months for three years following treatment)
- 2- What was the average wait for this at the same time of year in 2023 and 2024?

Response:

In order to respond to your request, a member of staff would have to manually inspect the individual information of each patient with skin cancer to be able to derive which patients specifically have/had melanoma. This would need to occur before the wait times of patients with melanoma could be deduced for any given time period. Doing this would take longer than the maximum time period of 18 hours, therefore we are applying a Section 12 exemption.

Section 12(1) allows you to refuse to comply with a request where you estimate that the cost of compliance would exceed a set amount. This is known as the appropriate limit. In most cases the costs you're likely to incur are staff time in searching for the requested information.

Attachment(s):

Appendix One – FOI Ref 27540 Exceeds cost limit

Date Response sent: 18th March 2025