

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-342**

Date 15 June 2017

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Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. What is the trust target time for an urgent suspected cancer (USC) referral for an MRI scan?

The Trust has an internal target of 10 days from request to report of an MRI scan requested as cancer priority

2. If question 1 does not apply, what is the trust target time for a USC referral to have a diagnostic test/report?

Not applicable, please see above.

3. How many of the referrals from questions 1 and 2 have failed to meet these targets in the year 1/4/16 - 1/4/17? If the data is available please may I have the amounts who have not met the MRI waiting time? If that data is unavailable may I have the amounts that have failed to meet the target time for a USC referral to a diagnostic test/report?

627 patients failed the 10day target

4. Is there a financial penalty if either above target is not met? If so what is this penalty?

There is no financial penalty. However, a new approach to regulation of trusts was phased-in part way through 2016/17, with the introduction of the NHS Improvement Single Oversight Framework (SOF) and the focus on four key areas of performance: A&E 4-hours, 62-day GP cancer, Referral to Treatment (RTT) times and 6-week diagnostic waits.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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