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Our ref: 2123453

30th December 2021

Dear ###

We write further to your request which was received on 1st December 2021 which states:

- "1. *Could you please provide the monthly number of admissions to hospital for any form of cancer for 2019-2021.*
2. *What is the total number of patients diagnosed with cancer each year from 2017-2021.*
3. *What is the monthly number of appointments for scans at the breast clinic from 2019-2021."*

Our Response

1. *Could you please provide the monthly number of admissions to hospital for any form of cancer for 2019-2021*

The table below which details admissions where the PRIMARY Diagnosis includes all malignant cancers and all carcinoma in situ (considered stage 0)

	2019	2020	2021
January	42	11	1
February	54	15	4
March	60	7	29
April	66	13	270
May	60	0	249
June	52	3	261
July	47	15	238
August	36	8	239
September	20	6	183
October	36	10	79
November	26	2	120
December	30	5	44

Please note, this does not include Archived or Private patients

2. *What is the total number of patients diagnosed with cancer each year from 2017-2021*

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested. Complying with the request for information would require Manx Care to do one or more of the matters

mentioned in section 8(3) (things a public authority is not required to do by the Act S11(3)(b), in this instance, it would require us to create or derive information from information that we hold.

Manx Care do not hold all the data relating to cancer diagnoses. However you may wish to re-submit your request to the Cabinet Office who collate the Cancer Incidence Report – this is split by gender and then 3-year rolling averages are used to avoid small number issues i.e. discoverability and annual fluctuations typical of a small population.

3. *What is the monthly number of appointments for scans at the breast clinic from 2019-2021.*

Breast Assessment	Breast Outpatient
2,018	7,226

These numbers identify US/MG exams performed on patients from either the Breast Assessment or Breast Outpatient (source attached) between 01.01.19 and 23.12.21.

This does not identify the number of patients or distinguish between new or recall. Our radiology team elected to provide these figures rather than number of appointments as appointments do not identify the number of scans. However we can revisit this request for the number of appointments if you are not satisfied with this response.

Please quote the reference number 2123453 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at www.inforights.im.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

I will now close your request as of this date.

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