

FOI 3629

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1.

Whether there is a formal protocol, policy, or standard operating procedure governing the removal of a patient from a cancer pathway, and, if so, a copy of that protocol as it was at the relevant time. (2023 & 2024)

Response:

The only formal document that is used by Cancer Tracker/MDT Co-Ordinators for tracking newly diagnosed primary cancer patients is called 'A Guide for Northern Ireland Cancer Access Standards' which was developed in January 2008. This contains guidance on what cancer access standards are; the information that needs included for reporting, adjustments, what is classed as first definitive treatment etc. but does not document any procedure for removing patients from a cancer pathway.

Question 2.

The number of reported incidents, if any, within the Trust over the past five years involving patients being incorrectly removed from a red flag cancer pathway due to administrative or clerical error.

Response:

There are zero reported incidents.

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