

Dear Freedom of information officer/ Information governance manager

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I would like some information about the cancer employees you have at your NHS trust and how many new cancers patients you have please. This information is to be used for research purposes into cancer support services.

Attached is a questionnaire with guidance on how to complete.

This information can usually be found through your cancer services team, please see the attached questions for non-personal information.

Please return to the address above or via email within 20 days of receipt. Please note the data has a specific day of information collection of the 16th of May.

If you need assistance with this, please contact me directly.

Freedom of information request

Breast, Colorectal Head and Neck and Oesophageal cancer.

Please enter data which is accurate on the 16th of May 2022, to make this data comparable to information gathered from other trusts, a snap shot of this particular day, as a census of data.

Guidance

Data collection is from secondary care trusts in a cancer alliance only.

Whole time Equivalent (WTE)

1.0 WTE equivalent equates to 37.5 hours as per employees' contract, please exclude additional bank shifts on top of staffing establishment. please provide data in WTE or hours worked, if unable to do so. WTE this is easily worked out by dividing the number of hours worked as per contract by 37.5 = equals WTE.

AHP professionals who should be included Dieticians, speech and language therapist, stoma nurse, reconstructive nurse, specialist, prosthesis, tracheostomy/ laryngectomy nurse, specialists, metastatic nurse, physiotherapist, lymphedema nurse, cancer support worker bands 3 to 9. as long as they are attached to the specific cancer site and work 50% plus of their time within that site.

Cancer is not required to be in their post holders job title.

Please only give numbers of new cancers patients over the 12 month period. This may include cancer of unknown primary under the care of your service.

Inclusion criteria

Please include only post holders who are employed at your trust, rather than employed over a regional area or cancer alliance group/ cancer centre.

Please included vacancies within the overall numbers. There is no need to separate data.

Please include all agenda for pay scales bands 3 to 9.

Post holder must work 50% plus, of their time within the site specific cancer and are patient facing, giving direct patient care. Inclusive of telephone calls/clinic time, MDT, caring for inpatients.

Exclusion criteria

please do not include generic AHP who work across other cancer sites, like chemotherapy nurses or palliative care nurses. Please do not include research nurses, radiographers, If there are lymphedema nurses, physiotherapist or counsellors attached to the specific site, please add them to AHP WTE box column 3

If unclear as to include the post holder or not, please write it in the comment box provided with WTE or hours.

Please exclude recurrences or those who present with metastatic disease following treatment of a primary.

Please see questions below.

Name of Trust: County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Date : 13/05/2022

	Number of cancer Nurses. Total WTE or hours with Nurse or practitioner in job title, per site.	WTE or hours, of other Allied Health Professional (AHP) and cancer support workers working in cancer site.	Number of new cancers patients diagnosed at your trust from 1 st of Jan 2021 to 1 st of Jan 2022	comments
Breast	5.0	1.5 WTE Cancer Care Coordinators	403	
Colorectal	4.8	1.1 WTE Cancer Care Coordinator	479	
Head and Neck	2.4	0.3 WTE. Highly Specialised Speech and Language Therapist * 0.4 WTE Cancer Care Coordinator	142	*These sessions have been included because they are dedicated to the tumour site
Oesophageal	2.0	0.2 WTE Cancer Care Coordinator (1 day dedicated time from Cancer Services)	71 (or 116)**	** CNS Figure includes time dedicated to HPB cancer and impossible to separate the two in terms of time. *** First figure in cancer numbers is for oesophageal, the second is for oesophagogastric cancers which is usually the group referred to in terms of 'tumour site specific groups'.

