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Question/s to be answered

1. What is the longest period of time someone has been waiting to start cancer treatment after referral in this health board? Please provide this figure for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far.

Patients who are referred as Urgent suspected Cancer (USC) and diagnosed with cancer are tracked and have their waiting time reported against a 62-day standard from date of referral to date of first treatment. In line with national guidance in Scotland waiting time adjustments can be made to cover situations such as, but not limited to, patient unavailability due to sickness/choice. Published data for patients on 62-day pathways will include waiting times adjustments. Unadjusted waits are the exact number of days from referral date to date of first treatment with no adjustments made. The patients in Q1 may have waited longer as initially on routine pathways or long periods of personal or medical unavailability.

This is for all waiting times reportable cancers regardless of method of referral, grouped on year of treatment, and is the unadjusted wait from referral date to treatment date.

Year	Breast - Max Wait in Days	Bowel - Max Wait in Days	Lung - Max Wait in Days	Prostate - Max Wait in Days	All Other Cancers - Max Wait in Days
2018	120	133	236	489	364
2019	143	143	192	227	313
2020	76	132	112	262	219
2021	146	95	139	282	274
2022	208	209	135	533	721

2. How many people have not been treated in the 62 day target in this health board? Please provide this figure for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far.

Year	Breast >62 Days	Bowel >62 Days	Lung >62 Days	Prostate >62 Days	All Other Cancers >62 Days
2018	-	-	3	4	6
2019	-	1	-	-	1
2020	-	-	-	2	1
2021	-	-	-	4	3

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2022	1	2	-	6	4
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3. In relation to question 2, how many of these people died as a result of cancer?

Year	Breast >62 Days Died	Bowel >62 Days Died	Lung >62 Days	Prostate >62 Days	All Other Cancers >62 Days
2018	-	-	3	1	1
2019	-	-	-	-	-
2020	-	-	-	-	-
2021	-	-	-	-	-
2022	-	-	-	-	1

4. Please provide this data for all kinds of cancer, but also break it down by breast, prostate, lung and bowel cancer.

Tables above broken down by year and breast, bowel, lung, prostate and all other cancers