

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
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Question/s to be answered

1. In this health board, how many cancer patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales in the financial year 2021-22? Please also provide the data for the financial years 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19 and 2017-18.

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Please note that:

The data we hold for cancer waiting times is only up to point of first treatment and for specific cancers and new primaries (so not for recurrences or progressive disease) but for this cohort of patients none have been sent out with Scotland for treatment or diagnostics.

The data we hold for quality performance indicator audit records again only applies to new primaries and specific cancer groups but does record more than first treatment as it generally collects all of the treatments that make up the initial treatment plan. Again, none of these had treatments outwith Scotland.

Our data includes patients referred to NHS Shetland, diagnosed by NHS Shetland or treated by NHS Shetland. Patients referred directly to NHSG may not be included

2. In this health board, where cancer patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales, what was the average distance of the transfer during the financial year 2021-22? Please also provide the data for the financial years 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19 and 2017-18.

N/A

3. In this health board, where cancer patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales, what was the furthest transfer in miles during the financial year 2021-22? Please also provide the data for the financial years 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19 and 2017-18.

N/A

4. In this health board, where cancer patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales, please provide a reason why that transfer took place. For instance, was it because of a lack of beds?

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N/A

5. In this health board, what was the total cost associated with transferring cancer patients from hospitals in Scotland to other settings in England and Wales in the financial year 2021-22? Please also provide the data for the financial years 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19 and 2017-18.

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