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Question/s to be answered

I would like to ask for the following:

1. The number of diagnoses, broken down by cancer stage for the following cancers: Breast, Prostate, Lung, Bowel, and also the cancer with the average latest stage of diagnosis, if not one of these four. Please provide this for each calendar year since 2018, including the current year.
2. Please provide the median stage of diagnosis for the above.

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested as NHS Shetland does not hold the stage of cancer at diagnosis in the form of stage 1-4.

We do however collect TNM staging at diagnosis and as part of the Detect Cancer Early Programme NHS Shetland have been submitting TNM staging data at diagnosis for Bowel, Breast, and Lung cancer (however not prostate cancer) for publication by Public Health Scotland (PHS) since 2010 in the form of stage 1-4. PHS use the TNM staging data to generate stage 1-4 data.

The data can be viewed at the following website, <https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/detect-cancer-early-staging-data/detect-cancer-early-staging-data-year-10-and-impact-of-covid-19/>. The staging trends spreadsheet can be downloaded and provides board level data for the three sites going back to 2010. The data is published in two year cohorts that overlap, e.g. both year 9 and year 10 publications include patients from 2020 but year 9 has 2019 and year 10 has 2021. It may be possible to request the data from PHS.