

## FOI\_1595\_2023-24 – FOI Request concerning Melanoma Cancer Care Protocols and Patient Management Details

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Please be advised, with regards to the questions below, Solent NHS Trust does not provide Oncology service and therefore are unable to answer these questions.

1. **Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols.**
2. **Which of the following Melanoma NICE guidelines do you currently implement at your Trust/Health Board/other:**
  - a) **Pre-27th July 2022 NICE guidelines titled 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' Yes or No**
  - b) **Latest NICE guidelines title 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' released on the 27th July 2022. Yes or No**
  - c) **Using own Melanoma guideline for the Trust. Yes or No**

*If yes, please provide document in PDF format.*
3. **What is your current waiting time for sentinel lymph node biopsy for those confirmed with any stage melanoma? Please provide measure (Weeks, months etc, but please identify..)**
4. **In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.**
5. **Is ultrasound used in any of the follow up pathways for the stages of Melanoma below for patients in your Trust, please answer Yes or No:**  
IA Yes or No  
IB Yes or No  
IIA Yes or No  
IIB Yes or No
6. **For the following NHS financial year dates, how many melanoma cases per year have been newly diagnosed in your Trust**
  - a) **2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23**
7. **Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2022/23 the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?**

***Please note: To help with this question 6 & 7, the OPCS code for sentinel lymph node is 'O14.2 + ICD-10 code C43 Malignant melanoma of skin', then supported by the cancer stage.***

