

62 Day Cancer Weekly PTL Questions to Ask



– For any patient reported on PTL (i.e. within 28 days of breach or later) does the Trust know exactly where they are on the pathway, i.e. what needs to happen next?

– How is this changing week on week?
 – How many are confirmed cancers?
 – What are the key tumour sites and pathways in this cohort?
 – Are their plans in place for these patients?
 – What is the level of risk contained within this cohort of patients?

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 – What is it about the pathway that means that patients are waiting 62+ for a Decision to Treat (or not)?
 – What are the key tumour sites and pathways in this cohort?

Please note there will be patients in this category that are considered at low risk of cancer and therefore what are the Trust doing to ensure patients are removed from a Cancer pathway when it has been ruled out?

Week ending		SECTION 1: 62 DAY PTL - PATIENTS WITHOUT A DECISION TO TREAT				
		Patients who will breach in 15-28 days	Patients who will breach in 8-14 days	Patients who will breach in next 7 days	Number of patients who passed their breach date in the last 7 days	Total number of patients whose breach date has already passed
Number of patients who are untreated	17/05/2015	139	63	32	19	49
	24/05/2015	205	30	43	26	50
	31/05/2015	174	54	13	33	50

Numbers are indicative of backlog

– What percentage are confirmed cancers?
 – Are there plans in place for these patients?
 – Do they have treatment dates planned? If so, are these dates scheduled prior to the breach date?

patients who are untreated and have a TCI date, or do not have a date within target time.		SECTION 2: 62 DAY PTL - PATIENTS WITH A DECISION TO TREAT				
		Patients who will breach in 15-28 days	Patients who will breach in 8-14 days	Patients who will breach in next 7 days	Number of patients who passed their breach date in the last 7 days	Total number of patients whose breach date has already passed
	17/05/2015	0	0	0	0	4
	24/05/2015	0	0	0	0	6
	31/05/2015	0	0	0	0	5

– How many are confirmed cancers?
 – What are the drivers for the delays?
 – Are the delays patient related? If so, what actions are being taken to mitigate the impact?
 – What month are they due to be treated?

		SECTION 3: PATIENTS TREATED IN THE LAST WEEK		
		Number of patients treated within 62 days	Number of patients not treated within 62 days (please complete comments section if any)	Percentage Treated within target
Patients treated in the last 7 days	17/05/2015	13	3	81.25%
	24/05/2015	6	2	75.00%
		5	2	71.43%

Can use this data as an indication to performance for the month

– If this number is greater than 15% of the weekly numbers treated, this is a warning signal and requires explanation. Or (for Trusts currently failing the standard) if this number is greater than the number of over 62 day patients treated this week, then it is likely that the position is getting worse not better, and again requires investigation.

Key:
DTT – Decision to Treat
TCI – To come in date (treatment date)