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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Your request sought information relating to breast cancer.

**1. The number of women, by month, receiving radiotherapy for breast cancer at Singleton Hospital for the period 01 Jan 2019 to 30 November 2019.**

An average of 39 patients are treated each month with curative radiotherapy treatment following surgery for breast cancer.

Jan 19	50 patients
Feb 19	41 patients
Mar 19	38 patients
Apr 19	37 patients
May 19	41 patients
Jun 19	35 patients
Jul 19	46 patients
Aug 19	36 patients
Sep 19	32 patients
Oct 19	36 patients
Nov 19	39 patients

**2. The target, and actual, waiting times for women waiting for an appointment to see an oncologist following breast cancer surgery during the same period.**

The referral to an oncologist will follow multi-disciplinary discussion of the histopathological report. There is no specific Health Board target for this waiting time. Data on this waiting time is not routinely recorded.



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**3. The target waiting time and the actual waiting time for radiotherapy from date of surgery for breast cancer to commencement of radiotherapy treatment during the same period.**

There is no specific Health Board or NICE target for the waiting time for Radiotherapy Treatment (RT) from the date of surgery

Patients who need chemotherapy and radiotherapy following their surgery will have the chemotherapy first and the RT will follow this being completed.

For a sample, of the first 18 patients treated in the time period requested, the average actual time from surgery to RT was 11.5 weeks.

The waiting time (as of early January 2020) from referral by the Breast MDT for a new patient clinic appointment with a clinical oncologist, for discussion about radiotherapy, consent, and radiotherapy electronic booking, is 2-3 weeks.

In 2019, the median time from electronic radiotherapy booking to commencement of adjuvant breast radiotherapy (n=432) was 4.1 weeks.

**4. The number of machines that are used in the treatment of breast cancer in women during the same period.**

There are 2 linear accelerators that are regularly used in the treatment of patients with breast cancer.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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