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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 9th January 2020. Your request sought information relating to radiotherapy.

You clarified on 10th January 2020 that you are happy to receive data to adjuvant radiotherapy as opposed to radical. You also clarified that for Q4 you wanted data for calendar year 2019.

1. In November and December 2019 how many requests/bookings for radical radiotherapy to the breast or chest wall were received by the radiotherapy department?

November 2019 – 45

December 2019 - 38

2. For those patients requested/booked in November and December 2019, how many commenced treatment?

77.1% (64 out of 83 patients) commenced treatment on or before 23rd January 2020.

3. Of those who received treatment what was the average length of time between the request/booking being made and the patient receiving treatment?

39.1 days.

Please note that five new treatment start dates were delayed at the end of December due to an extended treatment machine breakdown.



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4. What is your average length of time for all radical radiotherapy requests/bookings to starting treatment?

28 days

The early booking and scanning of patients on chemotherapy, prior to radiotherapy, may have caused the apparently greater average waiting time from booking to starting treatment for the breast cancer patients, when in fact the patients start on the appropriately timed post-chemo date.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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