

## Exception report : Cancer 62 days

### Target description and performance

National standard = 85%

Actual performance = 68.5% in February 2017

### Key issues

- The trust did not achieve the national standard on cancer 62 days in February but is on track to deliver from April 2017 onwards.
- There were 124 patient pathways completed in February (in comparison to 102.5 for the same period last year).
- We planned poor performance in February and March as we brought forward a number of patients for treatment, who breached 62 days.
- There are still a number of patients for radical prostatectomy that need to be treated, and we are reducing the backlog.
- The planned policy change on shared breach allocation is not being implemented, as a treating hospital this would positively affect our performance. In February, 12 patients were referred to BSUH after day 38, and 5 patients were referred out by BSUH after day 38; there were 7 shared breaches in total.
- Thirteen patients waited over 104 days from referral to treatment, three of which were shared patients. Harm reviews and RCAs were or will be completed for each of these cases. There was no harm identified as a result of a longer wait for treatment in the reviews done to date.

### February 62 Day Patients

	Total Seen	Number of	
		Breaches	Performance
Brain	0.5	0	100.0%
Breast	19	1	94.7%
Gynaecology	5	1	80.0%
Haematology	3	2	33.3%
Head and Neck	12	9	25.0%
Colorectal	10	7.5	25.0%
Lung	8	0.5	93.8%
Other	1.5	1	33.3%
Sarcoma	1	1	0.0%
Skin	39	1	97.4%
Upper GI	4	2	50.0%
Urology	21	13	38.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>68.5%</b>

Action	Description	SRO	By when
Improved monitoring of cancer pathways and escalation of delays at patient level.	A revised PTL and performance reporting has led to a reduction in the total number of patients on a Cancer pathway by 380 patients (25%) as treated or diagnosed over the past 5 weeks. This includes having reduced the total number of patients who have already breached the 62 day standard by 38% as we clear down the backlog and pull patients through their pathways.	Shaun Carr	Weekly - ongoing
Clear the backlog in complex high volume cancer pathways as a matter of priority.	A specific plan has been agreed to target delays in urology by April 2017. Seven additional sessions per week of MRI for urology was implemented in January and TRUS capacity increased from 1st February.	Shaun Carr	Clearing the Urology backlog will cause us to breach the standard of 85% in February and March 2017, with compliance from April onwards. 43% of the Urology breached backlog has been cleared in the past 5 weeks.
Provider to provider information sharing site visit to SASH and other local secondary care organisation to learn and share best practices.	Visit undertaken to SASH on 05/04/17 to review their information systems and look to draw data together to better identify capacity issues as they occur, in order to deliver rapid solutions and pre-emptive actions.	Shaun Carr	Ongoing - project establishment needs to be finalised.

