



## FOI 3369

Date 24/10/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

**1a) Is a multi-disciplinary chronic pain service provided by the Trust? (if yes, please continue to question 2, if no please answer question 1b). Yes**

**1b) Where is chronic pain being managed in your organisation for people with:**

- i) **Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain).** Mix of clinical specialities. Mainly the parent team treating a patient's cancer. Smaller number of patients are referred to the chronic pain service to be managed who have cancer related pain.
  
- ii) **Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery).** As per above.

**2) Is the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service based in an acute hospital or a community setting? (please expand if needed).** Acute hospital setting.

**3) What is the current waiting time from referral to first appointment at the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service?** 30 weeks

**4) Since October 2022, how many people did the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service see with:**

- i) **Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain).** Specific information not available



- ii) **Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery).** Specific information not available

**5) Can you please provide demographic information (% gender, age range and % ethnicity) for those seen in the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service with:**

- i) **Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain)**

- **Gender:** Specific information not available
- **Age range:** Specific information not available
- **Ethnicity:** Specific information not available

- ii) **Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery)**

**Gender:** Specific information not available

**Age range:** Specific information not available

**Ethnicity:** Specific information not available

**6) If you cannot answer question 5, can you please explain why?**

Specific referral reasons are not recorded and collected by the chronic pain team as a key metric.

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Yours sincerely,

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