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### **Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 October 2014, relating to GP cancer referrals.

I am pleased to confirm that Gloucestershire CCG does hold the following information:

#### **GP referrals for suspected cancer**

- 1. How many non-urgent referrals for suspected cancer have been made by GPs in each quarter so far in 2014/15? How many of these each quarter were refused by the consultant? How many of these referrals that were refused have subsequently been diagnosed with cancer?**
- 2. How many non-urgent referrals for suspected cancer were made by GPs in 2013/14? How many of these were refused by the consultant? How many of these referrals that were refused have subsequently been diagnosed with cancer?**
- 3. How many non-urgent referrals for suspected cancer were made by GPs in 2012/13? How many of these were refused by the consultant? How many of these referrals that were refused have subsequently been diagnosed with cancer?**

Consultants refusing a referral for suspected cancer is not a part of the CCG process. GPs set the priority for patients being seen under the 2-week wait protocol

**GP urgent referrals for suspected cancer**

- 1. How many urgent referrals for suspected cancer, to be seen within two weeks, have been made by GPs in each quarter so far in 2014/15? How many of these were refused by the consultant? How many of these referrals that were refused have subsequently been diagnosed with cancer?**
- 2. How many urgent referrals for suspected cancer, to be seen within two weeks, were made by GPs in 2013/14? How many of these were refused by the consultant? How many of these referrals that were refused have subsequently been diagnosed with cancer?**
- 3. How many urgent referrals for suspected cancer, to be seen within two weeks, were made by GPs in 2012/13? How many of these were refused by the consultant? How many of these referrals that were refused have subsequently been diagnosed with cancer?**

All suspected cancers are referred under the 2-week wait policy, there is not an urgent/non-urgent distinction.

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