



Ref. No: 1098  
Date: 24/07/24  
Subject: Suspected head and Neck cancer referrals

## REQUEST

The number of Suspected head and Neck cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between January 2017 and the most recent completed month that is available (most likely June 2024). I also request this data be presented as monthly figures.  
Data tables example:

2017												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2018												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2019												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2020												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December

Number of oral cancer referrals.												
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2021												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2022												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2023												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2024												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.							x	x	x	x	x	x

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

All Head and Neck referrals based on date referral received (this does not differentiate between different referral types e.g. ENT, Oral, Maxillofacial)

**St Helen's and Knowsley site**

<b>2017</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	80	77	73	53	95	78	65	74	72	88	75	61
<b>2018</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	83	73	97	96	110	97	92	96	93	98	87	84
<b>2019</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	89	100	106	87	110	101	126	106	114	113	105	79
<b>2020</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral	109	108	86	54	76	108	92	103	94	95	122	106

cancer referrals.												
<b>2021</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	85	85	163	129	105	151	128	110	120	101	151	93
<b>2022</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	136	150	182	148	187	130	115	139	139	155	152	137
<b>2023</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	170	167	186	115	150	160	156	143	138	180	175	131
<b>2024</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	179	169	159	182	154	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust.**

<b>2017</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	60	67	77	57	61	79	81	75	44	64	70	58

<b>2018</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	62	62	86	64	75	71	64	81	66	83	77	54

<b>2019</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	59	78	82	71	99	85	83	59	56	74	82	62

2020												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	85	79	70	24	43	93	62	80	77	80	81	84

2021												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	61	69	95	87	87	108	78	86	96	93	86	82

2022												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	87	94	101	98	99	99	103	78	73	77	72	64



<b>2023</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	79	81	128	79	115	100	100	95	100	87	111	97

<b>2024</b>												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	101	149	114	126	144	x	x	x	x	x	x	x