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REQUEST

- The number of oral 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.												

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				
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2023												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December

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

This data will be used to raise awareness of oral cancer and the importance of self-checks and early examination as part of the Oral Health Foundation’s November campaign, Mouth Cancer Action Month.

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 1st 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.

We are unable to provide this information.

Referrals for suspected oral cancers are received and recorded as 'Suspected head and Neck cancer' unfortunately we are unable to differentiate suspected oral cases.

This applies to the legacy S&O data too.