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Subject: Average Waiting Times (Dermatology)

REQUEST

We would like to request your assistance to provide us with data related to below information according to FOI Act 2000.

1. **First Appointment's average waiting time for skin cancer patient in last 4 months.**
2. **Current average waiting time for routine dermatology appointments.**

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.

1. **First Appointment's average waiting time for skin cancer patient in last 4 months.**

The average waiting time for skin cancer patients from referral to first appointment was 26 days. Please note this data was extracted using the date range of August to November 2023.

2. **Current average waiting time for routine dermatology appointments.**

As at the 25th January 2023, the average waiting time for all patients awaiting an outpatient appointment is:

Appointment Type	Average Wait (Weeks)
First	14
Follow-Up	27
All	23