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Subject: PSFU pathway for primary breast cancer patients.

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

*Please use an X in the boxes to indicate your answer when required or provide numerical data where requested. Note that some questions are open questions and some ask for copies of documents*

### Key Relevant Documents

1. Does your Trust have a Standard Operating Procedure - also referred to as a PSFU Protocol - that covers the PSFU pathway for breast cancer?

<b>Yes</b>	X
<b>No</b>	
<b>Don't Know</b>	

If yes, please share your current, or most recent, version of this Standard Operating Procedure/PSFU Protocol. Self supported management following discharge.

2. Are all hospitals that form part of your Trust following the processes set out in the Standard Operating Procedure/PFSU Protocol for breast cancer?

<b>Yes</b>	
<b>No</b>	X – only breast cancer location
<b>Don't Know</b>	

If no, please send the breast cancer related Standard Operating Procedure/PSFU Protocol of each hospital in the Trust.

### Information provided about breast cancer signs and symptoms

This section relates to the information given to women about signs and symptoms of primary breast cancer and signs and symptoms of secondary breast cancer.

3. At the end of hospital-based treatment do you provide primary breast cancer patients with information about the signs and symptoms of primary breast cancer?

<b>Yes - for all patients</b>	X
<b>Yes – but not consistently</b>	
<b>No</b>	

If yes- please provide a copy of the information provided or a link to the information if it is available online. If this information is part of a longer document please provide the full document. ONLINE e-HNA from Macmillan. Breast Cancer k now booklets. Self-supported management workshops.

4. At the end of hospital-based treatment, do you provide primary breast cancer patients with information about the signs and symptoms of secondary breast cancer?

<b>Yes - for all patients</b>	X as answered previously
<b>Yes – but not consistently</b>	
<b>No</b>	

If yes- please provide a copy of the information provided or a link to the information if it is available online. If this information is part of a longer document please provide the full document. ONLINE e-HNA from Macmillan. Breast Cancer now booklets.

**Number of patients**

How many patients did you treat for primary breast cancer that finished their hospital-based treatment in each of the Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023- 2024?	<b>Number of Patients</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	308
<b>2023-2024</b>	310

5. For each of the Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023-24, of the primary breast cancer patients that completed hospital-based treatment, please provide an estimate of what proportion were stratified to each follow up pathway?

ALL patients go one the portal. Unless stated otherwise by the consultant surgeon.

- a) A PIFU pathway
- b) A Routine Follow Up pathway If you can provide the figures split between the age under 45 category and age 45 and over category that would be useful but if the information is not readily available by age, please provide for all ages combined.

**This information is not readily available as a split answer**

	<b>% of patients</b>					
	<b>2022-2023</b>			<b>2023-24</b>		
	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>45 and over</b>	<b>All ages</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>45 and over</b>	<b>All ages</b>
<b>PIFU</b>			<b>100%</b>			<b>100%</b>
<b>Routine Follow Up</b>						

6. At the end of hospital-based treatment, is there a set period of time during which all patients in the Trust receive Routine Follow Up, with the decision between a Routine Follow Up pathway and a PIFU pathway being taken at a later date?

<b>Yes- all patients receive routine follow up for a set period of time at the end of hospital- based treatment</b>	
<b>No- patients are immediately placed on Routine Follow Up or PIFU</b>	Patients at end of treatment are discharged to PIFU.

If yes, which hospitals offer this and for each hospital how long is the set period of time?

Description of the pathway

We are hoping to understand in more detail how the breast cancer PIFU pathway works and how people are able to make contact when they have a concern. If you are providing a Standard Operating Procedure/PFSU Protocol as part of your response, you only need to respond to questions 8, 9, 10 and 11 if the answers to these questions are not fully available in the document.

7. If a patient wants to raise a concern about a breast cancer sign or symptom (either primary breast cancer or secondary breast cancer) while on a PIFU pathway, what are the options for them to do so (please tick all that apply):

A telephone service	
Email contact	
Drop in clinics	
Other- please detail	

**This is covered in the Policy attached.**

Monitoring of the pathway

8. Are all breast cancer patients on a PIFU pathway logged and tracked on the organisation's IT system?

All are logged	
All are logged and tracked	
Some are logged	
Some are logged and tracked	
No	

**This is covered in the Policy attached.**

9. Is there a standard time limit on how long PSFU pathways are available to breast cancer patients e.g. 5 years?

Yes	
No	

If yes, what is the standard time limit?

If yes, how frequently is the standard time limit applied?

Always	
Most of the time	
Sometimes	
Rarely	

If any patients have a difference to the standard time limit, please detail and explain in what circumstances this occurs and the range of time limits?

**This is covered in the Policy attached.**

10. When it is time for a breast cancer patient to be discharged from PSFU, do they receive any notification of this, e.g. by letter or phone call?

Yes	
No	
Don't Know	

If yes, please explain how they receive this notification and provide a copy of the standardised information they would receive at that point, if it is in written form.

**This is covered in the Policy attached.**