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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Breast Cancer PSFU

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Does your Trust have a Standard Operating Procedure - also referred to as a PSFU Protocol - that covers the PSFU pathway for breast cancer?	Yes – Please see FOI 283 Accompanying document Q1			
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?	Yes			
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?	Yes - for all patients Please see FOI 283 Accompanying document Q3 & Q4.			
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?				
5. 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?	22/23 - 255 23/24 - 241			

6. 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?	23/24* professional - 128 - 73.5% SSM - 48 - 27.5% * This is the first year that this data was collated.			
7. 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?	The pathway is decided at the completion surgery post-operative MDT discussion. Supported Self management patients dont receive routine follow up following their end of treatment workshop, professional led patients will attend an appointment at years 1 and 5 from entering the PSFU pathway after their workshop.			
8. 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):	Patients contact the breast nurses team via telephone or email to discuss concerns and a triage form is generated. We have also had triages via oncology back into the breast service while they are receiving adjuvant treatment. This is reviewed by surgeon/oncologist/MDT and appropriate appointments or scans are generated.			
9. Are all breast cancer patients on a PIFU pathway logged and tracked on the organisation's IT system?	All are logged and tracked			
10. Is there a standard time limit on how long PSFU pathways are available to breast cancer patients e.g. 5 years?	Yes - 5 years - always			
11. 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 – Please see FOI 283 Accompanying document Q11 – 1 & Q11 - 2			

12. We are keen to discuss in more detail the answers to this FOI with a small number of Trusts. If this is something you would consider, please let us know and we will follow up if needed.	No			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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