

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**  
**RF23-219**

**Request:**

The details of the policy - regarding oncology treatment for inpatients in your Trust's hospital.

- a. if a patient residing in one of the trust's hospitals was diagnosed or had previously been diagnosed with cancer, would they be able to receive treatment when they were an inpatient.
- b. If not, does the Trust have a policy of patients receiving treatment for cancer only when they are an outpatient - and does this depend on which kind of treatment they receive?
- c. In addition, could you please confirm the average time it takes from the decision that a patient is medically fit to be discharged until they are discharged.

**Response:**

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

- a. Yes
- b. N/A
- c. Based over the month of March 2023 the average days spent Not Fit to Reside (NFTR) in the run up to discharge was 0.9 days

**Please note** that we have used the national submission data for NFTR, and calculated delays based on the unbroken chain of NFTR status and medically optimised status in the run up to discharge.

**(DATE OF RESPONSE: 21 APRIL 2023)**

