

## PUBLISHED INFORMATION REQUEST

Reference: 14278

Description: Cancer - Follow Up for Melanoma

### Response

Please could you provide the following information in relation to your delivery of care, for those patients newly diagnosed with Melanoma cancer at your Trust. Could you please provide this information in electronic format back to this email address.

If you could pass this to your 'Skin Cancer Clinic' or relevant department to complete, I would appreciate this.

1. Within your NHS Trust could you confirm what 'follow up regime' you normally provide for newly diagnosed patients by Melanoma Stage (IA-IIC) and the number of years (1 to 5) the follow up continues for, in line with your clinical protocols? To help with completion we have inserted a table below. Or please provide back in excel if easier.

Melanoma Stage at diagnosis	Number follow up visits in 1st Year	Number follow up visits in 2nd Year	Number of follow up visits in 3rd Year	Number of follow up visits in 4th Year	Number of follow up visits in 5th Year
IA	4 x 3 monthly visits for 1 <sup>st</sup> year only then discharge as appropriate				
IB	4 x 3 monthly appointments for three years	4 x 3 monthly appointments	4 x 3 monthly appointments	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate
I/A	4 x 3 monthly appointments for three years	4 x 3 monthly appointments	4 x 3 monthly appointments	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate
I/B	4 x 3 monthly appointments for three years	4 x 3 monthly appointments	4 x 3 monthly appointments	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate

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IIC	4 x 3 monthly appointments for three years	4 x 3 monthly appointments	4 x 3 monthly appointments	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate	2 x 6 monthly appointments then discharge as appropriate
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2. *Could you please provide a copy of the latest service specification for your Melanoma skin cancer service at the Trust, which shows the care pathway that you provide? Normally found under 'Schedule 2' of the Standard contract in place, with your commissioner*

**The Trust does not hold this information. The information will be held by the CCG. For further details, please contact:**

**Morecambe Bay CCG - [Foi.lancashirenorthccg@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk](mailto:Foi.lancashirenorthccg@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk)**

**North Cumbria CCG - [foi@northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk)**

3. *Could you please confirm if you use any 'send away dermatopathology services' within your NHS Trust? A send away or referral service is one where the pathology work is contracted out to a third party laboratory. Yes or No*

**The Trust does not contract out dermatopathology services to a third party laboratory.**

4. *Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2018/19, the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?*

Staging Group	Patients
IA	42
IB	16
IIA	9
IIB	8
IIC	3
OTHER	30
ALL	108

*Please note: To help with this question 4, the OPCS code for Sentinel lymph node is 'O14.2 + ICD-10 code C43 Malignant melanoma of skin', then supported by the cancer stage.*

**The Trust do not hold data on the number of subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsies by Melanoma Stage as this is undertaken at Lancashire Teaching Hospital. They can be contacted as follows:**

**[www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/)**