

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2324/701  
**From:** Private Individual  
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**Subject:** Melanoma Cancer Care Protocols

Q1 Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols. A table is provided below for your convenience, or you may return the information in an Excel spreadsheet.

Melanoma stage	Year 1 follow-ups	Year 2 follow-ups	Year 3 follow-ups	Year 4 follow-ups	Year 5 follow-ups	After year 5
Example IB	2	1	1	1	1	0
IA						
IB						
IIA						
IIB						

A1 Information not held – Request not applicable to Alder Hey Childrens Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Patients with Melanoma are diagnosed, treated and followed up by the dermatology and melanoma team at Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Q2 Which of the following Melanoma NICE guidelines do you currently implement at your Trust/Health Board/other:  
a. Pre-27th July 2022 NICE guidelines titled 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' Yes or No  
b. Latest NICE guidelines title 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' released on the 27th July 2022. Yes or No  
c. Using own Melanoma guideline for the Trust. Yes or No  
i. If yes, please provide document in PDF format.

A2 Not applicable as per A1.

Q3 What is your current waiting time for sentinel lymph node biopsy for those confirmed with any stage melanoma? Please provide measure (Weeks, months etc, but please identify..)

A3 Not applicable as per A1.

Q4 In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.

A4 Not applicable as per A1.

Q5 Is ultrasound used in any of the follow up pathways for the stages of Melanoma below for patients in your Trust, please answer Yes or No:  
- IA Yes or No  
- IB Yes or No

- IIA Yes or No
- IIB Yes or No

A5 Not applicable as per A1.

Q6 For the following NHS financial year dates, how many melanoma cases per year have been newly diagnosed in your Trust  
a. 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23

A6 Not applicable as per A1.

Q7 Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2022/23 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?  
To help with the completion, we have inserted a table below for ease.

Melanoma stage	Total patients reviewed	Total sentinel lymph node biopsies completed
IA		
IB		
IIA		
IIB		
IIC		

A7 Not applicable as per A1.