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For each of these questions I am looking for figures consistent with those used for the 62-day referral to treatment standard, i.e. how long in calendar days it took for a patient to start treatment after their referral for suspected cancer and diagnosis, as measured from the date of the urgent referral.

Q1 The number of patients who waited a) over 124 days (i.e. 4 months) and b) over 186 days (i.e. 6 months) between an urgent referral from their GP and starting their first treatment for cancer. Please can you provide figures for each of the past four calendar years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020).

A1 Zero

Q2 The single longest wait in days for a patient to start cancer treatment, as measured from the date of the urgent referral, in the 2023 calendar year?

A2 63 days due to a patient having a complex diagnosis.

Q3 The current longest wait in days for a patient still waiting to start their cancer treatment, as measured from the date of urgent referral.

A3 Zero, we currently have no new cancer diagnosis where the patient has not started their treatment.