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We refer to your Official Information Request of 10 March requesting statistics and information for radiotherapy treatment, specifically in the 12-month period to 1 March 2022. We would like this information to include the referring DHB to fully assess where the patients normally reside:

1. How many individual patients were treated at the ADHB with radiotherapy for cancer.
2. How many individual radiotherapy treatments were provided to these cancer patients by the ADHB.
3. How many patients were referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment.
4. How many patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited four weeks or more to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
5. How many patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited five weeks or more to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
6. How many patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited six weeks or more to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
7. How many patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited seven weeks or more to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
8. How many patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited eight or more weeks to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
9. How many 'radical' patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited more than 14 days to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
10. How many 'radical' patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited more than 21 days to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
11. How many 'radical' patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited more than 28 days to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.
12. How many patients referred to the ADHB, who went on to receive radiotherapy treatment, received their first specialist consultation within four weeks.
13. How many patients referred to the ADHB, who went on to receive radiotherapy treatment, waited four weeks or more to receive their first specialist consultation.
14. How many patients referred to the ADHB, who went on to receive radiotherapy treatment, waited six weeks or more to receive their first specialist consultation.
15. How many patients referred to the ADHB, who went on to receive radiotherapy treatment, waited eight weeks or more to receive their first specialist consultation.

Response

1. How many individual patients were treated at the ADHB with radiotherapy for cancer.

There were 3,182 individual patients treated during this time.

2. How many individual radiotherapy treatments were provided to these cancer patients by the ADHB.

There were 37,912 treatments provided to these patients.

3. How many patients were referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment.

3,640 patients had an eReferral sent to the Radiation Oncology service at ADHB during the index period. This figure includes all referrals sent the DHB including patients who may already be under treatment, not eligible for treatment at ADHB or require treatment from a different service. Of these patients 3,212 had a prioritised referral which meant they met the requirements for the Radiation Oncology service at ADHB.

The breakdown by DHB of domicile is provided below for referrals below– this is current DHB of domicile.

DHB	Count of patients Referred	Count of patients Prioritised
Auckland	853	746
Counties	1,186	1,067
Northland	181	162
Waitemata	1,346	1,181
Other	74	56

- 4. How many patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited four weeks or more to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.**
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- 8. How many patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited eight or more weeks to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.**

These are the patients who started their first course of treatment between March 2021 and February 2022 broken down by the number of weeks from decision to treat to the start of their first course (4-5 weeks includes all patients who waited 4 weeks to 4 weeks and 6 days).

	Number of patients
4-5 weeks	256
5-6 weeks	106
6-7 weeks	53
7-8weeks	45
8 weeks or longer	363

- 9. How many 'radical' patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited more than 14 days to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.**
- 10. How many 'radical' patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited more than 21 days to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.**
- 11. How many 'radical' patients referred to the ADHB to receive radiotherapy treatment waited more than 28 days to start their radiation treatment from decision to treat.**

These are the patients who are classified as 'radical' who started their first course of treatment (subsequent courses were excluded) between March 2021 and February 2022 broken down by the number of days from decision to treat to the start of their first course. Patients waiting over 28 days are mostly category D/D-tracking/B-Ds (60%) – this means they are awaiting chemotherapy, hormones or surgery before they start treatment. Patients waiting longer than 28 days who are not in the D categories have delay codes relating to clinical considerations or patient request (37% of total patients waiting longer than 28 days).

	Number of patients
14 days or less	100
15 days - 21 days	264
22 days - 28 days	641
Longer than 28 days	732

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Please note the table below is based on patients who attended a Radiation Oncology FSA between March 2021 and February 2022 and then went on to have Radiotherapy treatment – patients who cancelled or did not attend their first specialist assessment are not included as rescheduled appointments don't have a referral date entered when the rescheduled appointment is made and we don't have the available resources to manually match the original referral date with the rescheduled appointment.

Length of time	Number of FSAs
Less than 4 weeks	1,194
4-5 weeks	435
6-7 weeks	115
8 weeks or more	44
Total	1,788

Yours sincerely,



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