

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/042

Subject: Radiotherapy/Cancer Treatment Plan

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Is there a named person/position within the ICB with the responsibility to ensure that the ICB has access to sufficient radiotherapy treatment capacity?</p>	<p>BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) consistently achieves the national Treatment Standard for Radiotherapy.</p> <p>If radiotherapy treatment capacity became an area of challenge/concern, the Head of Elective Care at the ICB would work with the appropriate Providers to address this.</p>
<p>2. Does the ICB have a plan, either internal or published, to ensure that there is a rolling programme of radiotherapy machine replacement to ensure that no machines within the area of the ICB are outside their 10-year recommended lifespan?</p>	<p>The responsibility for machine maintenance / replacement sits with the Provider.</p> <p>We advise you to contact University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW); https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests/ / FreedomOfInfo@uhbw.nhs.uk</p>
<p>3. Does the ICB have a plan, either internal or published, to ensure that overall cancer treatment capacity is on target to meet the 13% extra treatment capacity specified in the NHS 2023/24 priorities and operational planning</p>	<p>BNSSG has an operational plan for 2023/24 that directly reflects and meets the National NHS objectives for cancer in 2023/24, as described on page 7 in the NHS 2023/24 priorities and operational planning guidance.</p>

<p>guidance. If the ICB does not have such a plan, by what date will they have one?</p>	<p>Section 1E. of the guidance annex describes that current growth could translate to a 13% increase in treatment capacity demand. This is however describing 'nationally' and the guidance does not provide specific targets or trajectory requirements at the local/ICB level, nor was this a requirement in system 2023/4 operational plans.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 4 May 2023 and has been approved for release by Caroline Dawe, Deputy Director of Performance and Delivery for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.