

## FOI\_1401\_2023-24 – FOI Request – Full Blood Count in Chemotherapy

*Please be advised that Solent NHS Trust is a Community and Mental Health Trust and therefore does not treat Chemotherapy patients.*

**We would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions:**

- 1. What percentage of FBC tests alone (without a biochemistry test such as kidney function) are prescribed for chemotherapy patients per month?**
- 2. For the services in your hospital, are FBC tests prescribed to be done at the hospital, in a GP unit or at the pharmacy or in some other primary care setting?**
- 3. What is the expected time for FBC tests scheduled before chemotherapy - 72h before chemotherapy day, 48h, 24h, or on the day of chemotherapy?**
- 4. In the last year January 2022-January 2023 how many cancer treatment appointments for chemotherapy were cancelled due to the patient having neutropenia and/or thrombocytopenia on the same day as chemotherapy scheduled appointment?**
- 5. What are chemotherapies that only require an FBC test to decide if chemotherapy can be administered (without other biochemistry tests such as kidney function)?**

Question	Answer			
1. Percentage of FBC tests alone prescribed for cancer chemotherapy patients				
2. Location of blood sample collection for FBC test (tick all that apply)	In hospital	GP	Pharmacy	Other primary care setting
	Yes or NO	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
3. Expected time for FBC tests scheduled before chemotherapy	72h	48	24h	Tests on chemotherapy day
4. Cancer appointments cancelled based on results from an FBC alone (neutropenia and/or thrombocytopenia) on the same day as chemotherapy scheduled appointment				
5. Chemotherapies that only require an FBC test for checking if patient is fit to receive chemotherapy				