

28 Day Faster Diagnosis Standard

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What does it mean?

- All patients referred on a 2 WW need to be given a diagnosis of cancer or an exclusion of cancer diagnosis within 28 days of their GP referral
- Operational Standard is to be determined from the current pilot sites at the end of Q4
- Patients can be informed face to face, by phone or by letter and the focus is what the patient is told and understands

What does it mean Cont'd

Patients can be excluded from the 28 day FDS if:

- They opt out
- Decline all investigations or appointments
- Multiple DNAs or cancellations
- Go private
- Die before diagnosis

What does it mean cont'd...

- Shadow monitoring began in April 2019
- SCR able to collect and submit data items since July 2019
- Formal monitoring will begin in April 2020
- Increased burden on the tracking of non cancer patients.

Stopping the Clock

- The clock stops when the patient is informed that they do not have cancer or they do have cancer.
- For some tumour sites such as skin or bladder, FDT may already have been carried out , in this case the FDS date is the Date of decision to treat
- If the information is left blank, it will revert to DTT
- Regional team uses proportion of records reverting to look at data completeness

What's Happening in Your Trust?

- Do you know what your local performance is?
- How is your Trust planning to change practices to meet the target?
- How are you recording the information?