

Freedom of Information Request - 4115

I am writing to you on behalf of Breast Cancer Care with a request for information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can you answer the following questions?

1. Does your Trust offer a Health and Wellbeing event accessible to all breast cancer patients at the end of hospital-based treatment?
(A Health and Wellbeing event is defined as a group education and support event which helps people to manage their physical and psychological health after a cancer diagnosis.)
Yes
2. If the Trust does offer a Health and Wellbeing event for breast cancer patients, are these events solely for people with breast cancer or for people with all types of cancer?
Breast cancer only
3. For breast cancer patients who have completed their hospital-based treatment, do the nurses in the breast care unit routinely make direct referrals, where appropriate, to the following?
(By 'direct referral' we mean gaining consent from a patient to pass on their details to a support service or arranging for someone from the service to contact the patient)
Referrals are sent on an individual basis as not needed as a routine for all

Services provided by charities

- a. Support services provided by charities that support people with cancer
No
- b. Support services provided by charities that support people with breast cancer only
No

NHS Services

- c. Counselling / psychology services within the NHS
Yes
 - d. Physiotherapy services within the NHS
Yes
 - e. Fertility services within the NHS
Requires consultant referral
 - f. Lymphedema services within the NHS
Yes
 - g. Other support services – please specify below
Louise Hamilton Centre
4. If you do not refer to some/any of the services in question 3, is this due to any of the reasons below? Please indicate all that apply.
- a. Support services provided by charities that support people with cancer
Service not available NO

Unaware of service *NO*

Service is oversubscribed *NO*

Service is unsuitable for breast cancer patients *NO*

Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made *YES*

Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals *NO*

Other (please give details)

b. Support services provided by charities that support people with breast cancer only

Service not available *NO*

Unaware of service *NO*

Service is oversubscribed *NO*

Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made *YES*

Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals *NO*

Other (please give details)

c. Counselling / psychology services within the NHS

Service not available (yes/no)

Unaware of service (yes/no)

Service is oversubscribed (yes/no)

Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made (yes/no)

Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals (yes/no)

Other (please give details)

N/A

d. Physiotherapy services within the NHS

Service not available (yes/no)

Unaware of service (yes/no)

Service is oversubscribed (yes/no)

Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made (yes/no)

Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals (yes/no)

Other (please give details)

N/A

e. Fertility services within the NHS

Service not available (yes/no)

Unaware of service (yes/no)

Service is oversubscribed (yes/no)

Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made (yes/no)

Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals (yes/no)

Other (please give details)

N/A

f. Lymphoedema services within the NHS

Service not available (yes/no)

Unaware of service (yes/no)

Service is oversubscribed (yes/no)

Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made (yes/no)

Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals (yes/no)

Other (please give details)

N/A