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## REQUEST

I am writing to submit an FOI concerning waiting times for consultant-led treatment, for both inpatient and outpatients.

Firstly I would like to give some context to aid in the interpretation of my request. I am familiar with the NHS England Consultant-led Referral to Treatment Waiting Times statistics that are published monthly, and am looking for more specific figures about patients who leave this waiting list. I know leaving the waiting list could be because of a range of scenarios - the patient has had the scan/procedure/appointment they were waiting for, they have refused treatment, they have failed to show up and therefore been removed from the waiting list etc.

My request:

I would the following data broken down by month for between December 2018 to January 2023:

1) How many patients left the waiting list for whatever reason. Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list.  
2) Of these, how many left the waiting list because they were admitted as an emergency and treated for the condition their referral related to during their emergency stay, therefore ending the treatment waiting pathway? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list. Please note that the Welsh government has outlined how this may occur on page 8 of this guidance here:

<https://senedd.wales/media/ycspv5fr/hospital-waiting-times.pdf>

3) And of these (patients in question 1), how many left the waiting list because they died? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they were on more than one waiting list when they died.

A patient could be subject to multiple different referrals, so I would like data based on the referrals rather than individual people ie If a person dies while on three waiting lists for instance, I would like them to be counted as three referral waiting periods/RTT pathways ending due to death.

## RESPONSE

	<b>Removal from Waiting List</b>
<b>Total Removals Dec-18 to Jan 23</b>	<b>951,588</b>
<b>Patients removed Dec-18 to Jan 23</b>	<b>424,190</b>

### INFORMATION FOR REQUESTER

The below is based on all patients on an Inpatient and Outpatient waiting list.

Admitted as an Emergency for the same condition is only relatable to those removed from an Inpatient waiting List

<b>Month</b>	<b>Removal from Waiting List</b>	<b>Admitted as Emergency Same Condition</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
Dec	16,737	5	508
Jan	21,754	9	549
Feb	19,205	10	448
Mar	20,100	8	560
Apr	18,990	5	497
May	19,999	16	499
Jun	19,232	5	523
Jul	21,511	7	549
Aug	18,671	12	539
Sep	19,827	8	472
Oct	22,381	3	510
Nov	20,503	8	607
Dec	17,414	4	752

Jan	21,287	8	719
Feb	19,619	6	664
Mar	18,602	5	698
Apr	9,111	3	1031
May	9,760	5	617
Jun	12,691	8	581
Jul	15,090	4	543
Aug	14,283	5	572
Sep	19,051	10	589
Oct	19,039	11	872
Nov	19,465	5	781
Dec	17,075	9	683
Jan	16,866	5	1027
Feb	17,682	6	778
Mar	21,434	10	637
Apr	19,380	12	599
May	21,445	10	613
Jun	23,711	6	563
Jul	21,515	15	609
Aug	19,535	13	559
Sep	22,171	7	524
Oct	19,782	9	611
Nov	21,048	13	640
Dec	17,554	13	714
Jan	18,600	18	628

Feb	19,343	18	591
Mar	21,574	21	616
Apr	18,503	8	655
May	21,338	20	580
Jun	20,195	11	607
Jul	19,777	7	649
Aug	19,453	16	536
Sep	19,584	24	664
Oct	19,661	18	721
Nov	21,889	10	645
Dec	17,863	8	878
Jan	20,288	7	768