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**Subject:** Appointment delays for imaging

- Q1 a. How many patients are currently awaiting an appointment for imaging studies?  
b. Please specify how many of these are on a cancer pathway.  
c. Please also specify the date your records go up to.  
Please can you also provide the data for how many were waiting during the same time period last year.
- A1 a. As of May 2020 there were 1113 patients on the waiting list for imaging studies, versus 976 for the same period of 2019.  
b. Seven patients on the waiting list were on a cancer pathway. Information not held for 2019 – these figures are not retained.  
c. The earliest request date for the 2020 date was 25/10/2019. Information not held for 2019 – these figures are not retained.
- Q2 How many two-week wait cancer referrals had to wait longer than 14 days for an appointment in May 2020, May 2019, and May 2018? Please break this down by year and specialty receiving referral.
- A2 Zero for all years
- Q3 How many more scanners are needed to address the shortfall in imaging capacity?
- A3 Radiology has not undertaken this work as of yet as the focus is to recommence the service with a COVID secure workplace.