

# Social Care and Health OSC

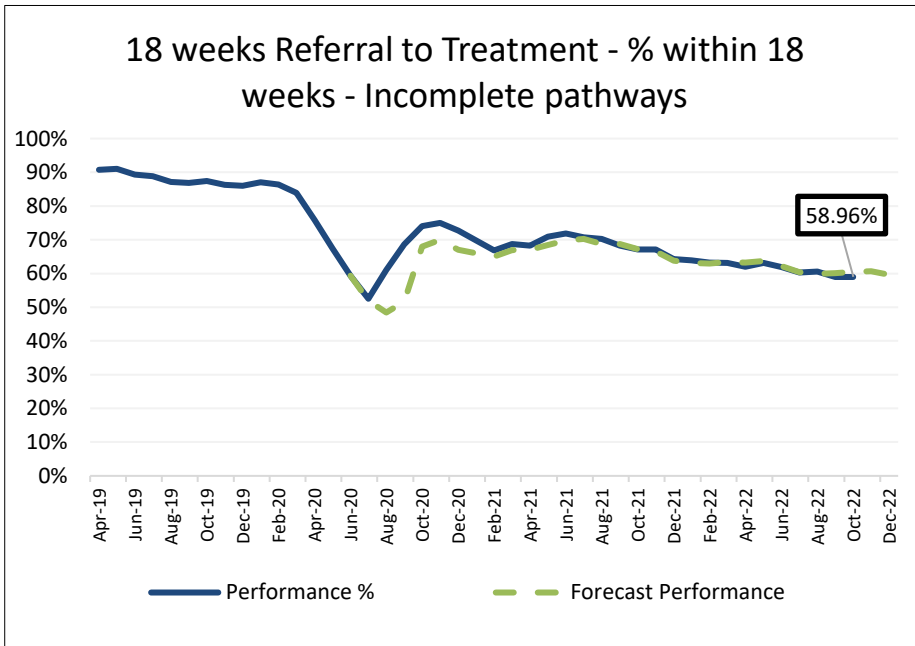
## Waiting times for elective care

15 December 2022

Caring for Walsall together



# 18 weeks Referral To Treatment (RTT) – Incomplete Pathways

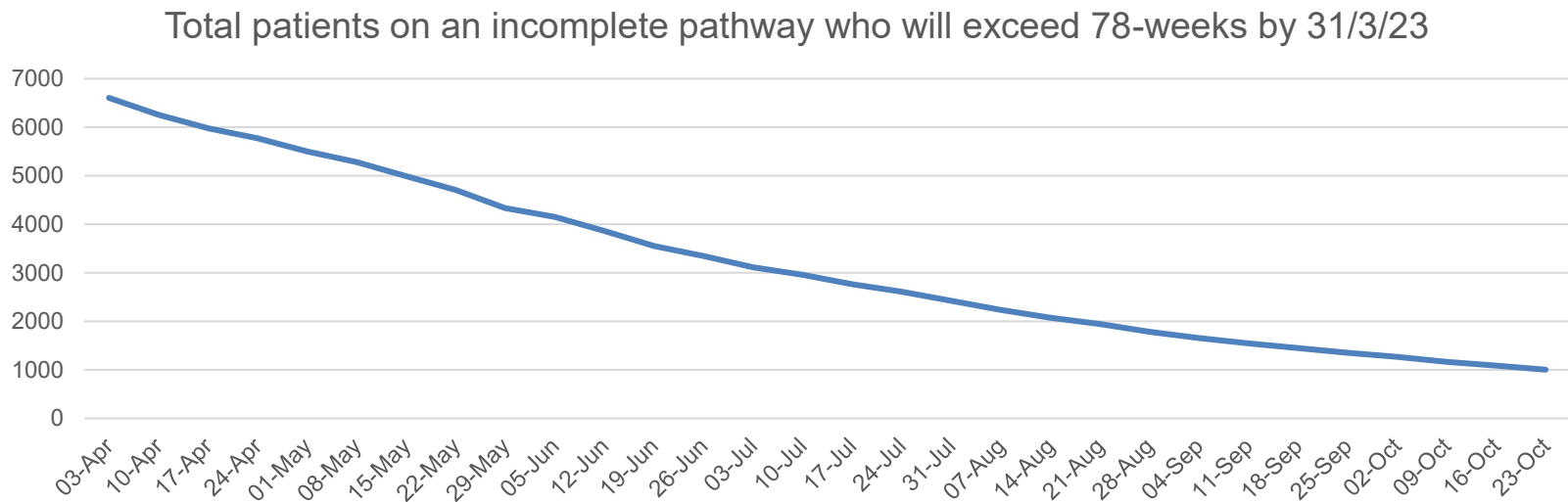


In October 2022, 58.96% of patients were waiting less than 18 weeks, which is slightly below the trajectory of 60%. This is the percentage of patients referred to the hospital who have not yet commenced definitive treatment or been discharged.

October 2022's performance places the Trust at a position of 74<sup>th</sup> (out of 109 reporting general Acute Trusts) across the NHS for 18-week Referral To Treatment incomplete performance.

## 78 Weeks Referral to Treatment Performance

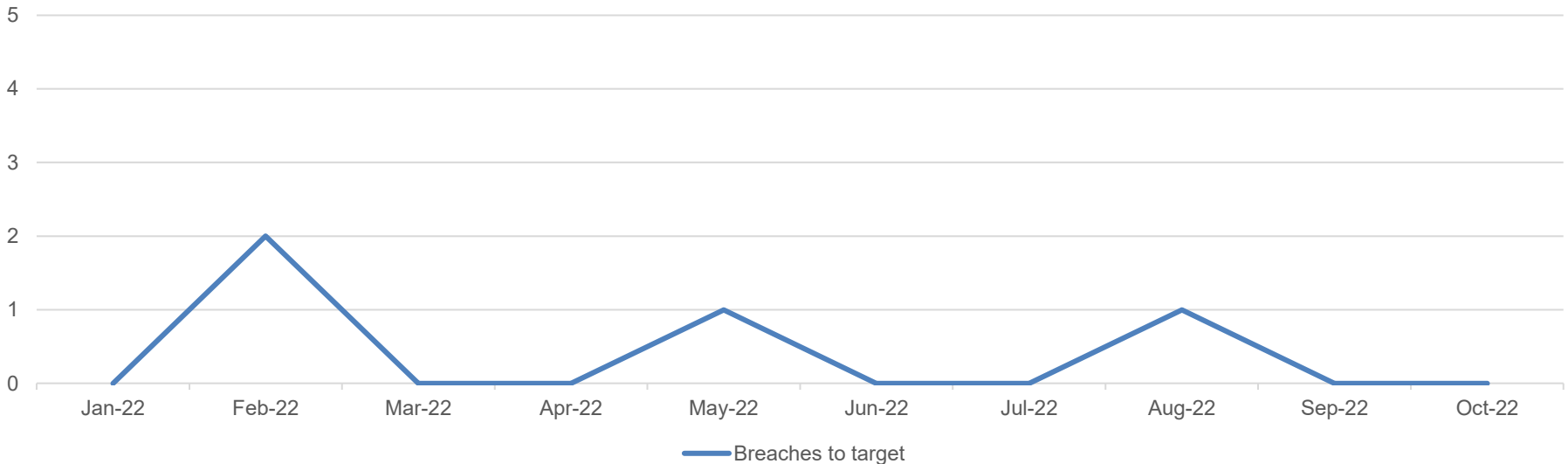
Target – Zero 78 week referral to treatment waits by the end of March 2023



The chart outlines the number of patients who, if they do not receive treatment, will breach 78 weeks by the end of March 2023. This number has significantly reduced since April 2022. The Trust is currently on track to deliver zero 78 week breaches by the end of March 2023.

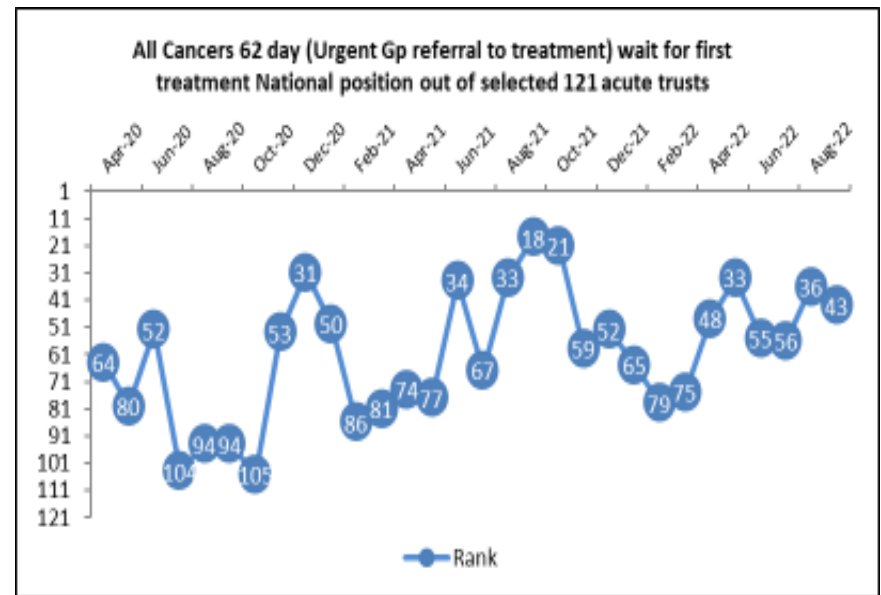
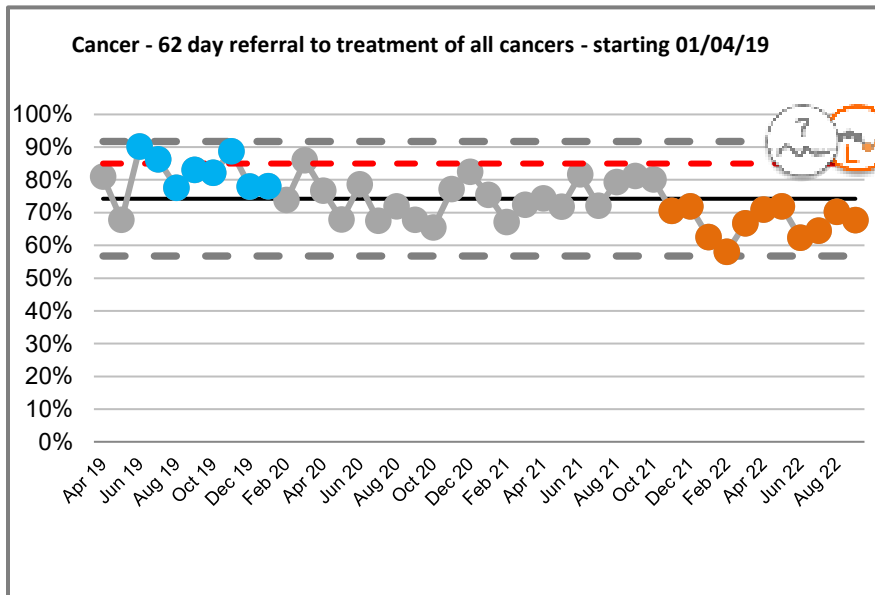
# 104 Weeks Referral to Treatment Performance

Target – Zero 104 week referral to treatment waits by the end of June 2022



The target has been achieved since June 22, with the exception of August 22. This was as a result of a single patient not being medically fit to have the procedure undertaken earlier.

## Cancer 62-day GP Referral to Treatment



Whilst monthly rankings are subject to volatility due to relatively small denominators, the Trust has delivered an underlying improvement in the percentage of patients treated within 62-days of GP Referral over the last 3 years, compared to other Trusts.

# Elective Care Challenges

| Area for Improvement  | What we're doing about it  |
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| Maintaining access for elective surgery amidst high demand for emergency covid admissions                     | The Trust has maintained a ring-fenced elective surgical wing to the hospital since May 2020, including an Enhanced Recovery Unit for patients requiring additional monitoring post-operatively.         |
| Insufficient theatre and anaesthetic staffing to ensure all elective operating sessions for 50 weeks per year | £1.64m/year investment to expand by 35WTE theatre staff and 4.6WTE Consultant Anaesthetists, approved by Trust Board in 2021/2022.   |
| Inadequate theatre environment  | Refurbishment of 2 theatres in West Wing, delivered in 2021/2022 without disruption to elective surgery. A further £9.1M refurbishment of 4 further theatres, anticipated for commencement in 2022/2023. |
| Inadequate Consultant capacity in General Surgery to meet patient demand                                      | A £744k/year investment in the General Surgery service, expanding the Consultant workforce, providing additional elective clinics and diagnostic sessions  |
| Inadequate Consultant capacity in Orthopaedics to meet patient demand   | A £264k/year investment, introducing three additional Consultants  |