Recent trends in the number of patients with pathology samples indicating cancer in Northern Ireland

July 2022 update

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SUMMARY

Recent trends in the number of patients with pathology samples indicating cancer: July 2022

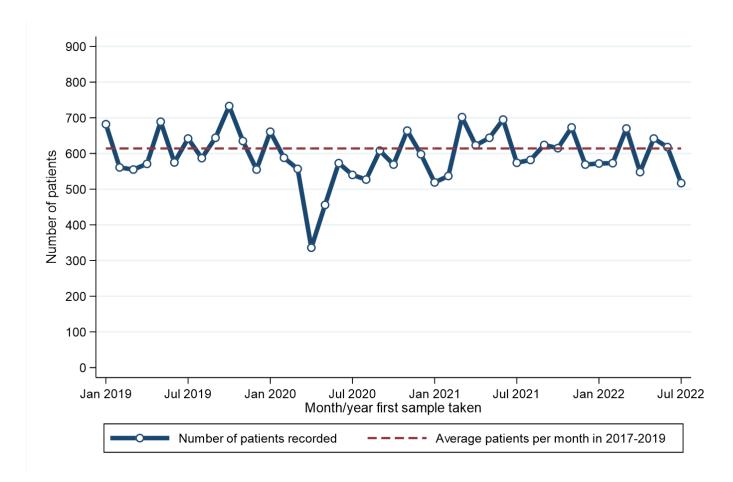
This summary provides an overview of recent trends in the number of patients with pathology samples indicating cancer (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer, NMSC) whose first sample was taken from January 2020 to July 2022 in Northern Ireland.

These trends are contrasted with the annual average number of patients with pathology samples indicating cancer (ex NMSC) during 2017-2019 in order to provide an indication of the potential impact of the Covid-19 restrictions on diagnostic cancer services.

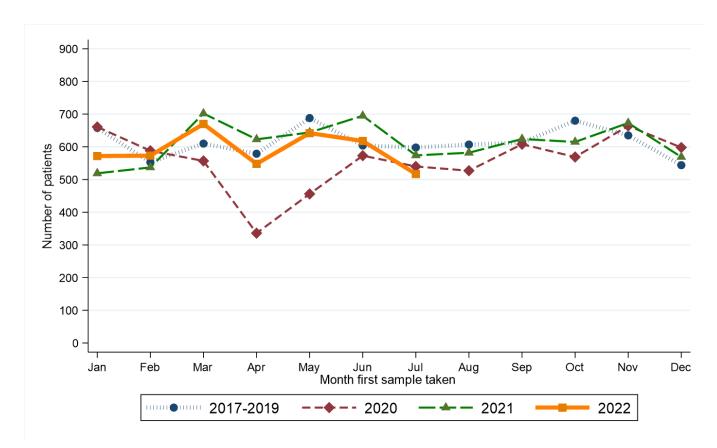
Data are sourced from the four NHS pathology laboratories in NI (Belfast, Altnagelvin, Antrim, Craigavon), which are usually provided to NICR on a monthly basis. **Altnagelvin laboratory is excluded from some analysis as a change in recording systems led to an undercount in the number of reported samples in Jan-Apr 2021.**

CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 (Excludes Altnagelvin)

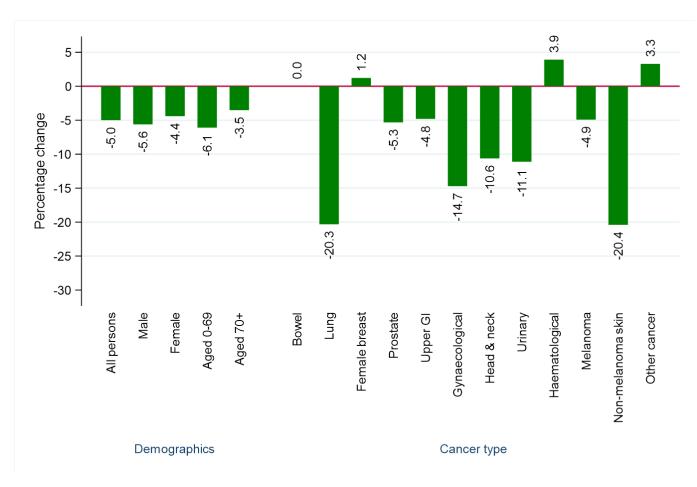
From March 2020 to July 2022 the number of patients with a pathological sample indicating cancer (ex NMSC) was 5.0% lower than the average number for the same time period in 2017-2019.



From March 2020 to July 2022 there was a 5.6% decrease among males and a 4.4% decrease among females compared to the same time period in 2017-2019. A decrease of 6.1% occurred in the number of patients aged 0-69 years, while there was a decrease of 3.5% among those aged 70 and older.

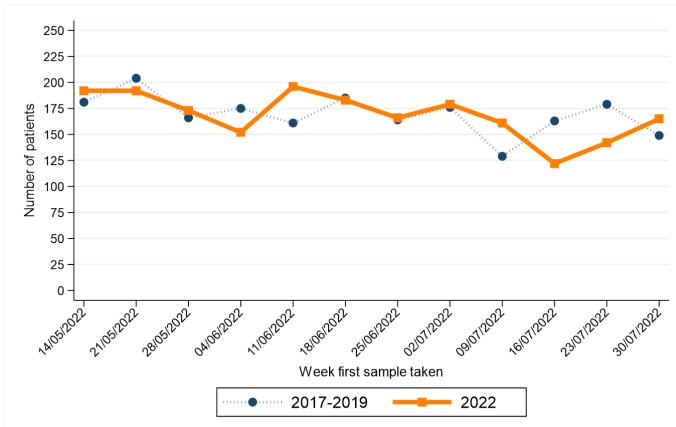


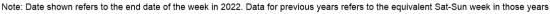
Compared to the annual average in 2017-2019, from March 2020 to July 2022 the number of patients with a pathology sample indicating lung cancer decreased by 20.3%. Increases were recorded for female breast cancer and haematological cancer, while decreases of more than 10% were recorded for gynaecological cancer, head and neck cancer, urinary cancer and non-melanoma skin cancer.

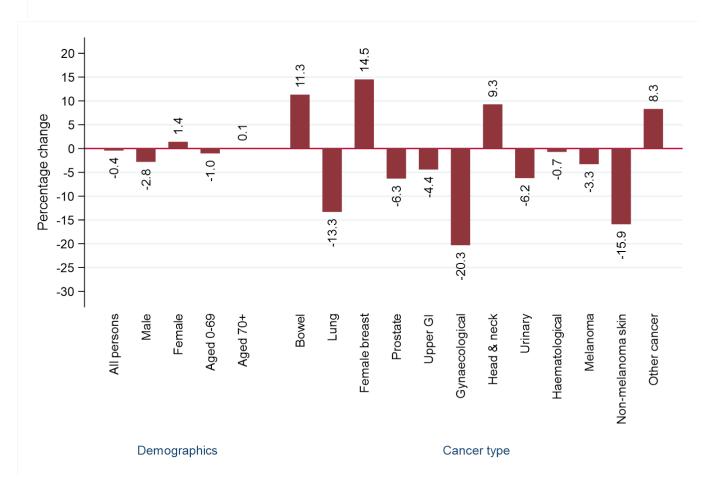


RECENT CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS (Includes Altnagelvin)

There was a 0.4% decrease in the number of patients with a pathology sample indicating cancer in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to the average value in the equivalent weeks in 2017-2019.







In the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 there was a 2.8% decrease among males and a 1.4% increase among females compared to the same time period in 2017-2019. A decrease of 1.0% occurred in the number of patients aged 0-69 years, while there was an increase of 0.1% among those aged 70 and older.

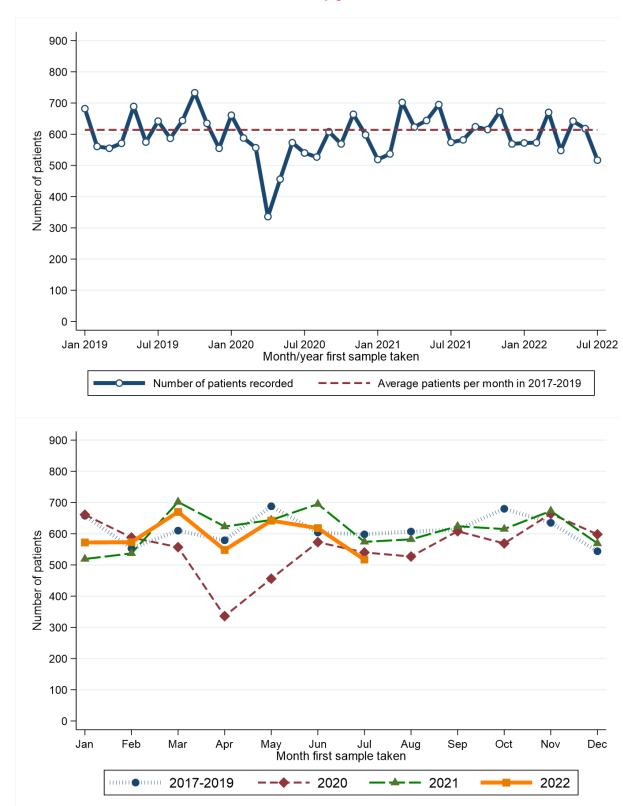
Compared to the annual average in 2017-2019, in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 the number of patients with a pathology sample indicating lung cancer decreased by 13.3%. Increases were recorded for bowel cancer, female breast cancer and head and neck cancer, while decreases of more than 10% were recorded for gynaecological cancer and non-melanoma skin cancer.

ALL PERSONS: CANCER (EX NMSC)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.0%

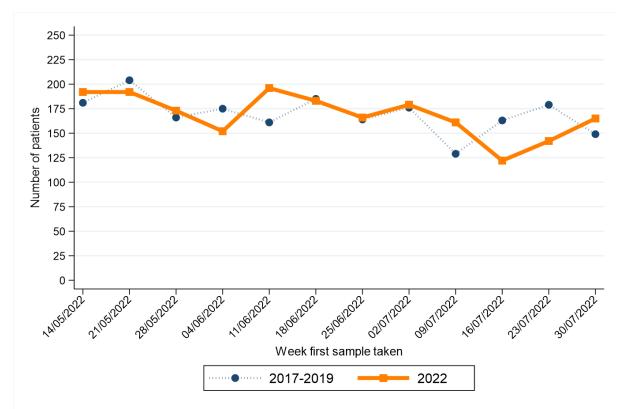


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	658	661	519	572	Jul	598	540	574	517
Feb	553	588	537	573	Aug	607	527	582	
Mar	610	557	702	670	Sep	613	608	624	
Apr	579	336	623	548	Oct	680	569	615	
May	688	456	644	642	Nov	635	664	673	
Jun	604	573	695	618	Dec	544	598	569	

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-0.4%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	181	192	25/06/2022	164	166
21/05/2022	204	192	02/07/2022	176	179
28/05/2022	166	173	09/07/2022	129	161
04/06/2022	175	152	16/07/2022	163	122
11/06/2022	161	196	23/07/2022	179	142
18/06/2022	185	183	30/07/2022	149	165

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

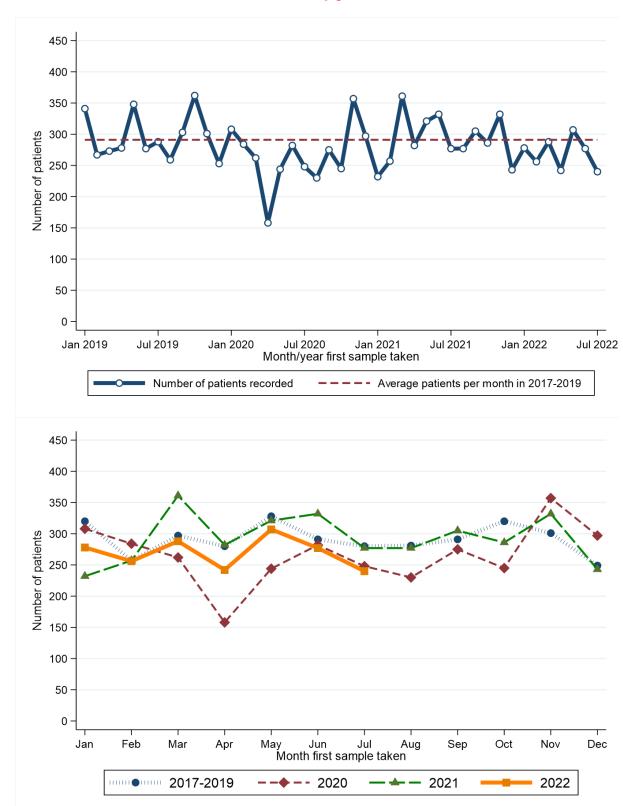
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MALE: CANCER (EX NMSC)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.6%

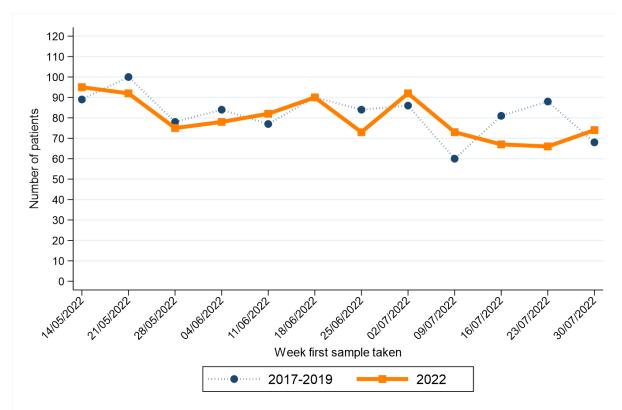


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	320	308	232	278	Jul	280	248	277	240
Feb	257	284	257	256	Aug	281	230	277	
Mar	297	262	361	288	Sep	291	275	305	
Apr	280	158	282	242	Oct	320	245	286	
May	328	244	321	307	Nov	301	357	332	
Jun	291	282	332	277	Dec	249	297	243	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-2.8%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	89	95	25/06/2022	84	73
21/05/2022	100	92	02/07/2022	86	92
28/05/2022	78	75	09/07/2022	60	73
04/06/2022	84	78	16/07/2022	81	67
11/06/2022	77	82	23/07/2022	88	66
18/06/2022	90	90	30/07/2022	68	74

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

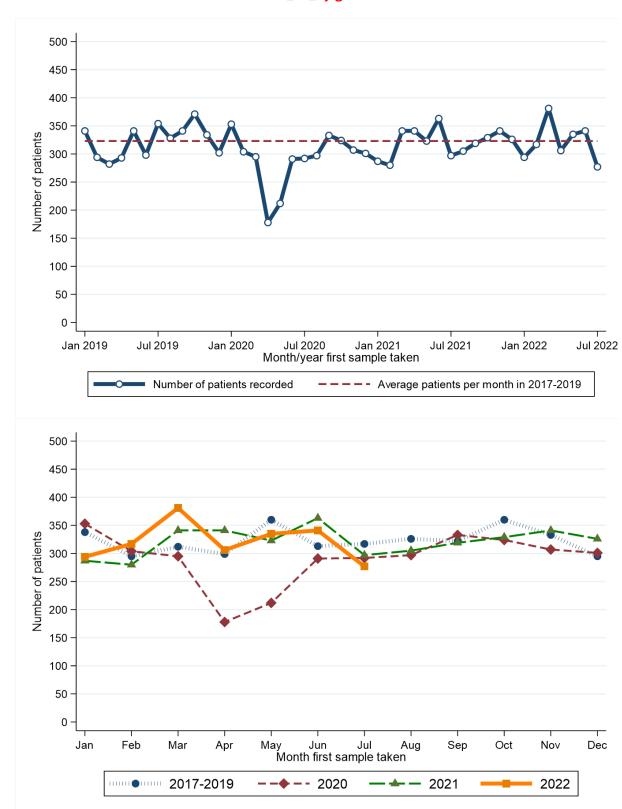
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FEMALE: CANCER (EX NMSC)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

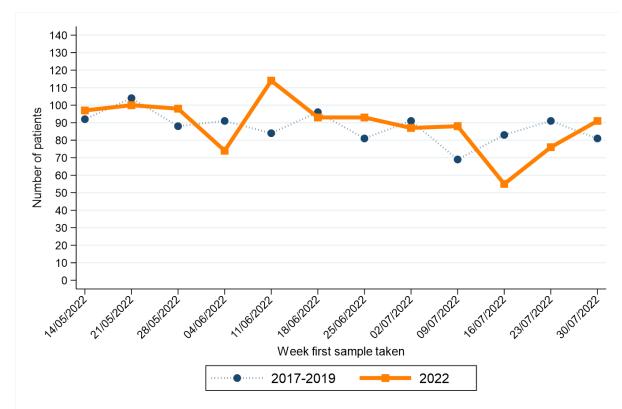
-4.4%



Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	338	353	287	294	Jul	317	292	297	277
Feb	295	304	280	317	Aug	326	297	305	
Mar	312	295	341	381	Sep	322	333	319	
Apr	299	178	341	306	Oct	360	324	329	
May	360	212	323	335	Nov	333	307	341	
Jun	313	291	363	341	Dec	295	301	326	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	92	97	25/06/2022	81	93
21/05/2022	104	100	02/07/2022	91	87
28/05/2022	88	98	09/07/2022	69	88
04/06/2022	91	74	16/07/2022	83	55
11/06/2022	84	114	23/07/2022	91	76
18/06/2022	96	93	30/07/2022	81	91

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

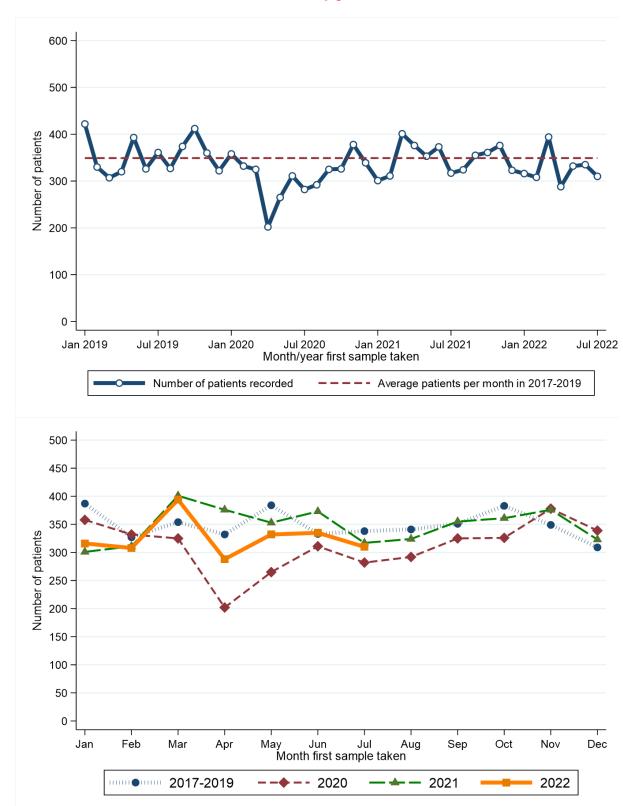
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AGED 0-69: CANCER (EX NMSC)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-6.1%

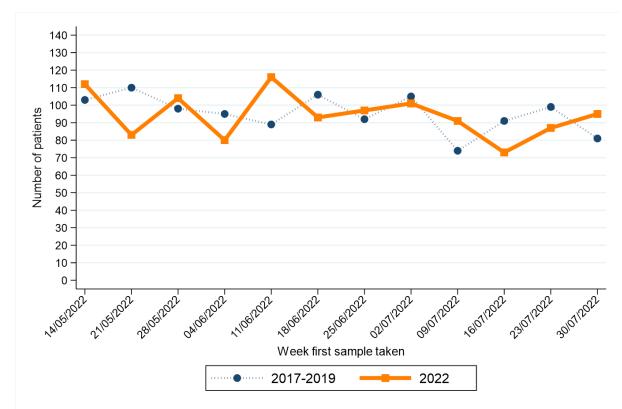


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	387	358	301	316	Jul	338	282	317	310
Feb	327	332	311	308	Aug	341	292	324	
Mar	354	325	401	394	Sep	351	325	355	
Apr	332	202	376	288	Oct	383	326	361	
May	384	265	353	332	Nov	349	378	376	
Jun	333	311	373	335	Dec	309	339	323	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-1.0%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	103	112	25/06/2022	92	97
21/05/2022	110	83	02/07/2022	105	101
28/05/2022	98	104	09/07/2022	74	91
04/06/2022	95	80	16/07/2022	91	73
11/06/2022	89	116	23/07/2022	99	87
18/06/2022	106	93	30/07/2022	81	95

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

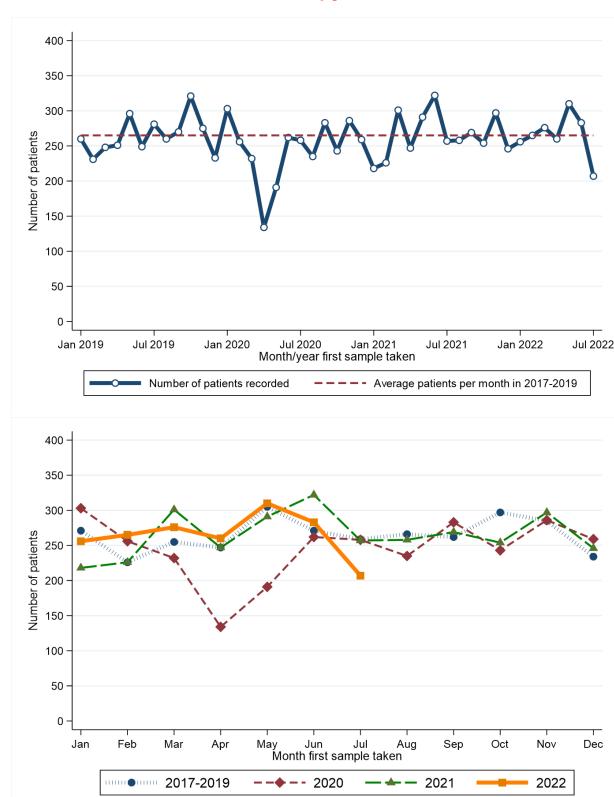
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AGED 70+: CANCER (EX NMSC)

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Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-3.5%

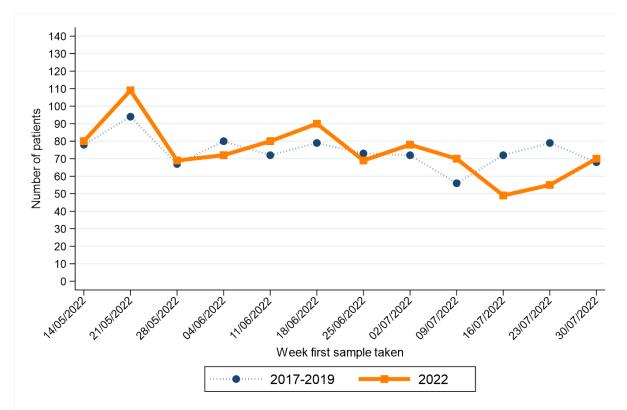


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	271	303	218	256	Jul	259	258	257	207
Feb	226	256	226	265	Aug	266	235	258	
Mar	255	232	301	276	Sep	262	283	269	
Apr	247	134	247	260	Oct	297	243	254	
May	305	191	291	310	Nov	285	286	297	
Jun	271	262	322	283	Dec	234	259	246	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+0.1%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	78	80	25/06/2022	73	69
21/05/2022	94	109	02/07/2022	72	78
28/05/2022	67	69	09/07/2022	56	70
04/06/2022	80	72	16/07/2022	72	49
11/06/2022	72	80	23/07/2022	79	55
18/06/2022	79	90	30/07/2022	68	70

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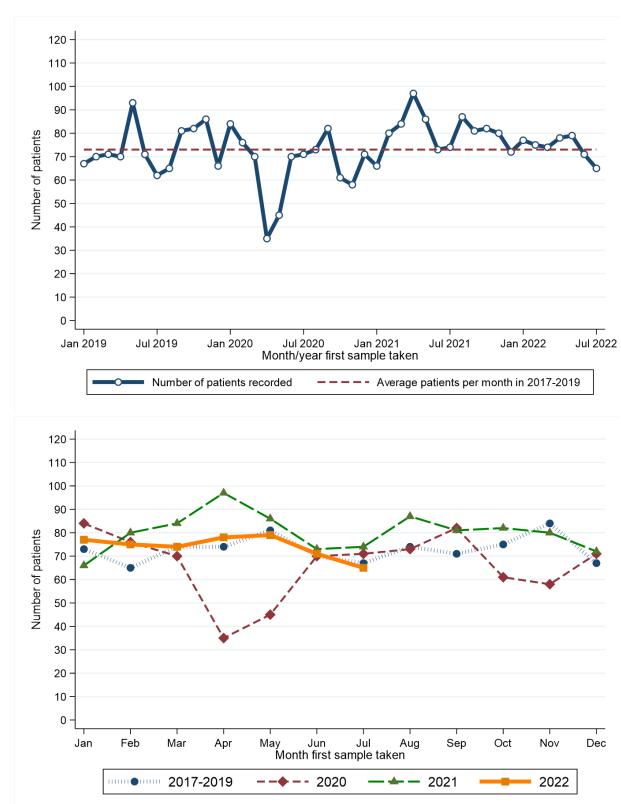
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BOWEL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

0.0%

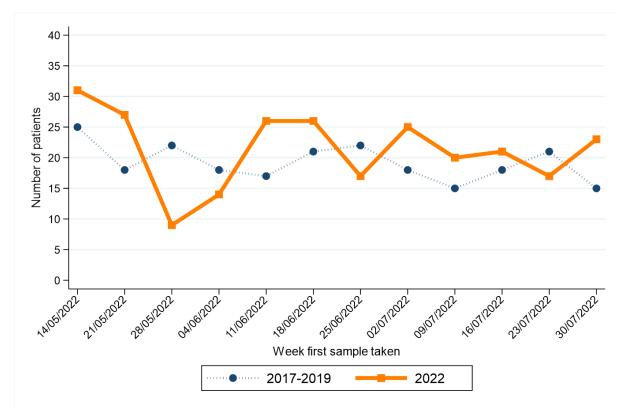


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	73	84	66	77	Jul	67	71	74	65
Feb	65	76	80	75	Aug	74	73	87	
Mar	74	70	84	74	Sep	71	82	81	
Apr	74	35	97	78	Oct	75	61	82	
May	81	45	86	79	Nov	84	58	80	
Jun	70	70	73	71	Dec	67	71	72	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+11.3%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	25	31	25/06/2022	22	17
21/05/2022	18	27	02/07/2022	18	25
28/05/2022	22	9	09/07/2022	15	20
04/06/2022	18	14	16/07/2022	18	21
11/06/2022	17	26	23/07/2022	21	17
18/06/2022	21	26	30/07/2022	15	23

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

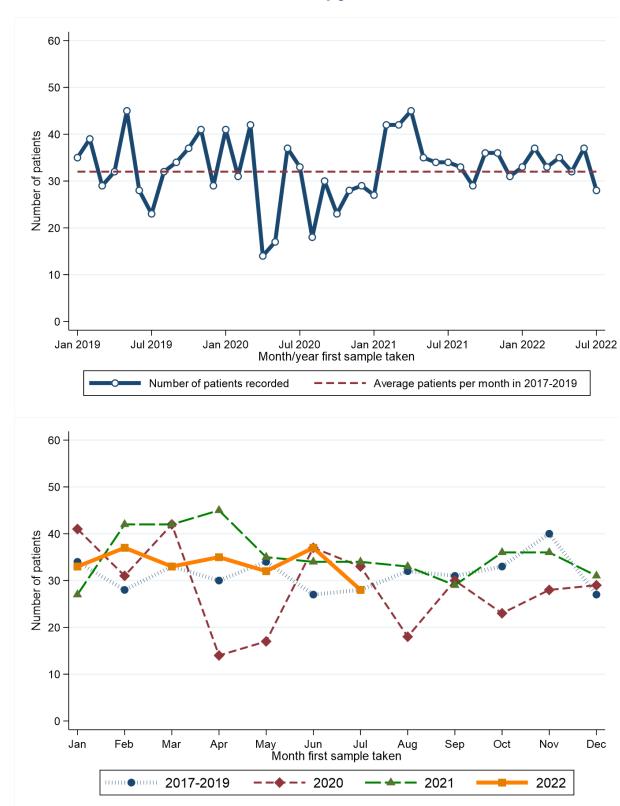
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BOWEL CANCER (SCREENING AGE)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+2.6%

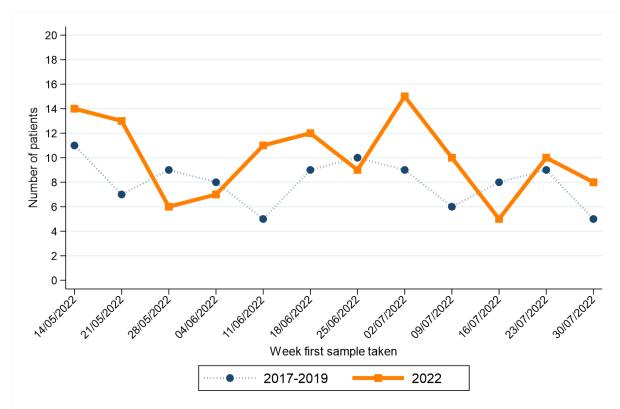


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	34	41	27	33	Jul	28	33	34	28
Feb	28	31	42	37	Aug	32	18	33	
Mar	33	42	42	33	Sep	31	30	29	
Apr	30	14	45	35	Oct	33	23	36	
May	34	17	35	32	Nov	40	28	36	
Jun	27	37	34	37	Dec	27	29	31	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+25.0%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	11	14	25/06/2022	10	9
21/05/2022	7	13	02/07/2022	9	15
28/05/2022	9	6	09/07/2022	6	10
04/06/2022	8	7	16/07/2022	8	5
11/06/2022	5	11	23/07/2022	9	10
18/06/2022	9	12	30/07/2022	5	8

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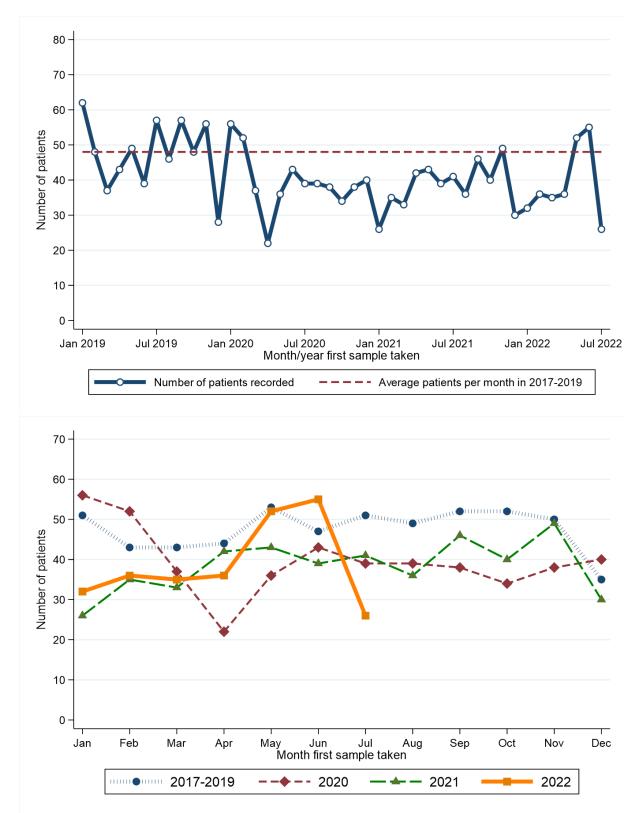
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LUNG CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-20.3%

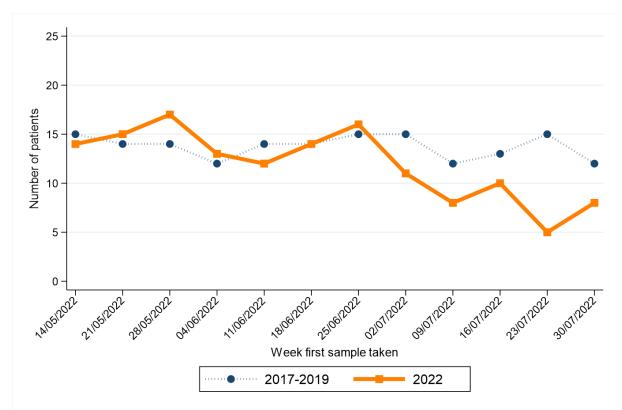


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	51	56	26	32	Jul	51	39	41	26
Feb	43	52	35	36	Aug	49	39	36	
Mar	43	37	33	35	Sep	52	38	46	
Apr	44	22	42	36	Oct	52	34	40	
May	53	36	43	52	Nov	50	38	49	
Jun	47	43	39	55	Dec	35	40	30	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-13.3%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	15	14	25/06/2022	15	16
21/05/2022	14	15	02/07/2022	15	11
28/05/2022	14	17	09/07/2022	12	8
04/06/2022	12	13	16/07/2022	13	10
11/06/2022	14	12	23/07/2022	15	5
18/06/2022	14	14	30/07/2022	12	8

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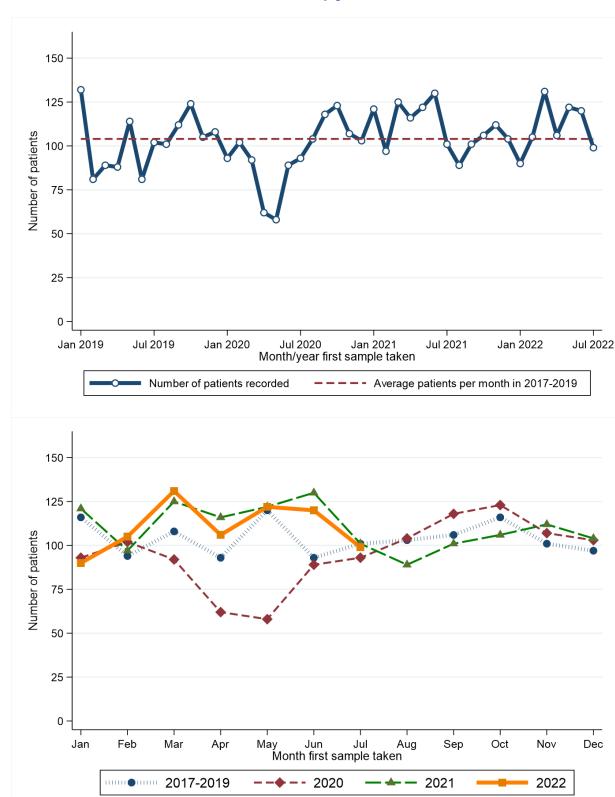
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FEMALE BREAST CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+1.2%

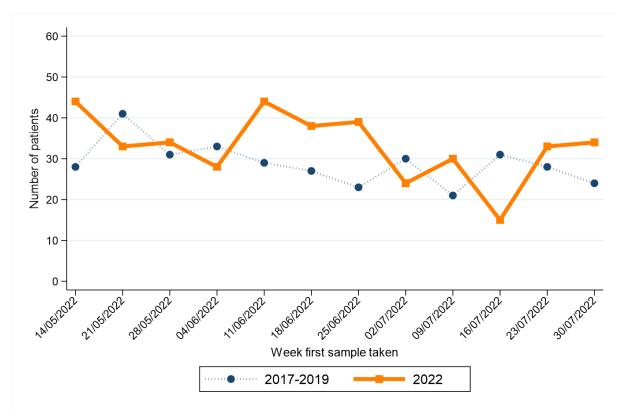


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	116	93	121	90	Jul	101	93	101	99
Feb	94	102	97	105	Aug	103	104	89	
Mar	108	92	125	131	Sep	106	118	101	
Apr	93	62	116	106	Oct	116	123	106	
May	120	58	122	122	Nov	101	107	112	
Jun	93	89	130	120	Dec	97	103	104	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+14.5%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	28	44	25/06/2022	23	39
21/05/2022	41	33	02/07/2022	30	24
28/05/2022	31	34	09/07/2022	21	30
04/06/2022	33	28	16/07/2022	31	15
11/06/2022	29	44	23/07/2022	28	33
18/06/2022	27	38	30/07/2022	24	34

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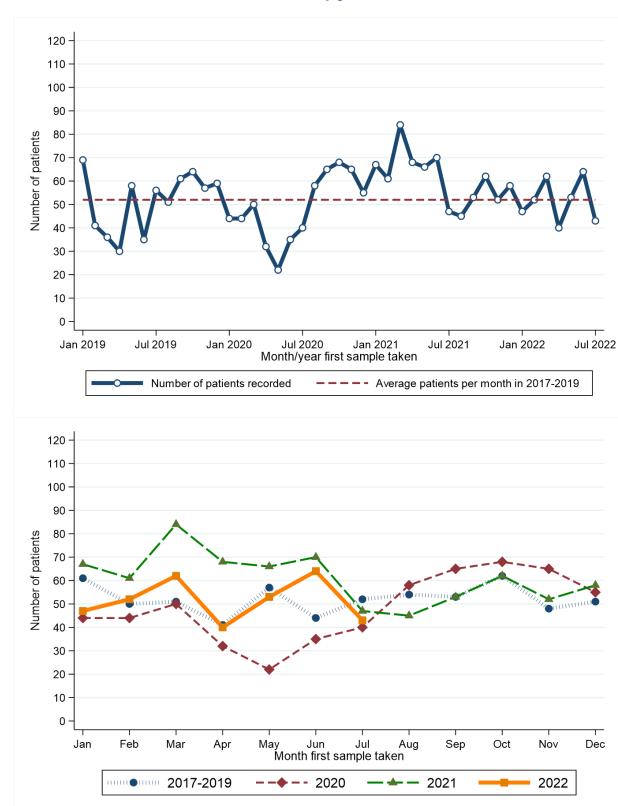
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FEMALE BREAST CANCER (SCREENING AGE)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+6.1%

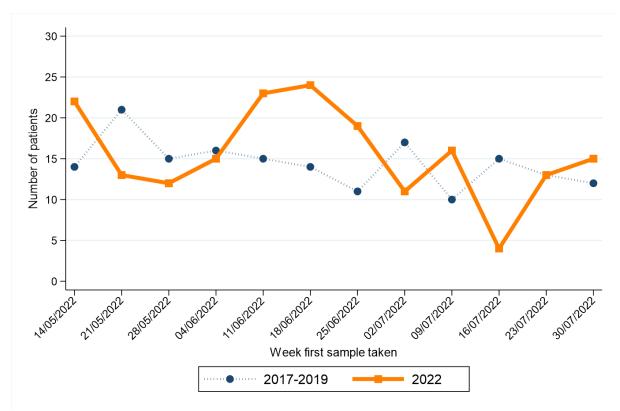


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	61	44	67	47	Jul	52	40	47	43
Feb	50	44	61	52	Aug	54	58	45	
Mar	51	50	84	62	Sep	53	65	53	
Apr	41	32	68	40	Oct	62	68	62	
May	57	22	66	53	Nov	48	65	52	
Jun	44	35	70	64	Dec	51	55	58	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+8.1%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	14	22	25/06/2022	11	19
21/05/2022	21	13	02/07/2022	17	11
28/05/2022	15	12	09/07/2022	10	16
04/06/2022	16	15	16/07/2022	15	4
11/06/2022	15	23	23/07/2022	13	13
18/06/2022	14	24	30/07/2022	12	15

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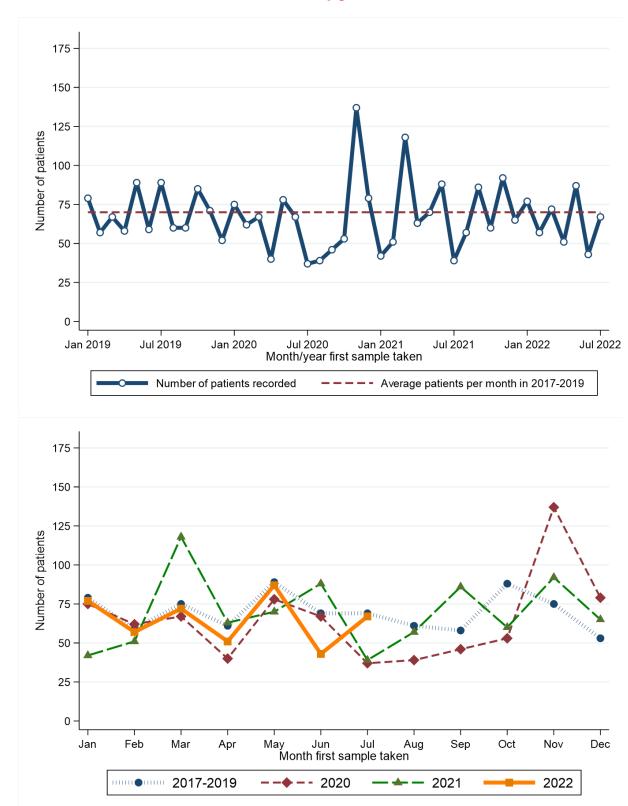
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PROSTATE CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.3%

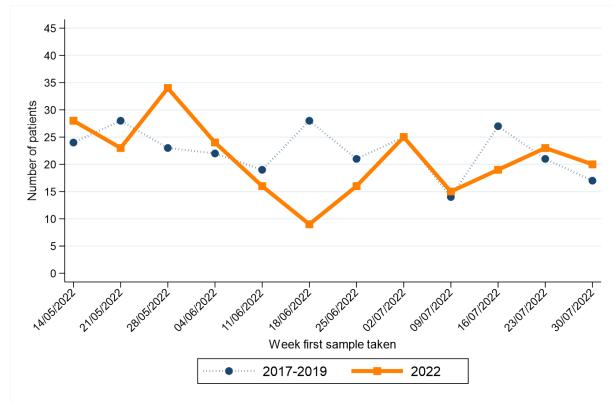


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	79	75	42	77	Jul	69	37	39	67
Feb	59	62	51	57	Aug	61	39	57	
Mar	75	67	118	72	Sep	58	46	86	
Apr	61	40	63	51	Oct	88	53	60	
May	89	78	70	87	Nov	75	137	92	
Jun	69	67	88	43	Dec	53	79	65	

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Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-6.3%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	24	28	25/06/2022	21	16
21/05/2022	28	23	02/07/2022	25	25
28/05/2022	23	34	09/07/2022	14	15
04/06/2022	22	24	16/07/2022	27	19
11/06/2022	19	16	23/07/2022	21	23
18/06/2022	28	9	30/07/2022	17	20

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

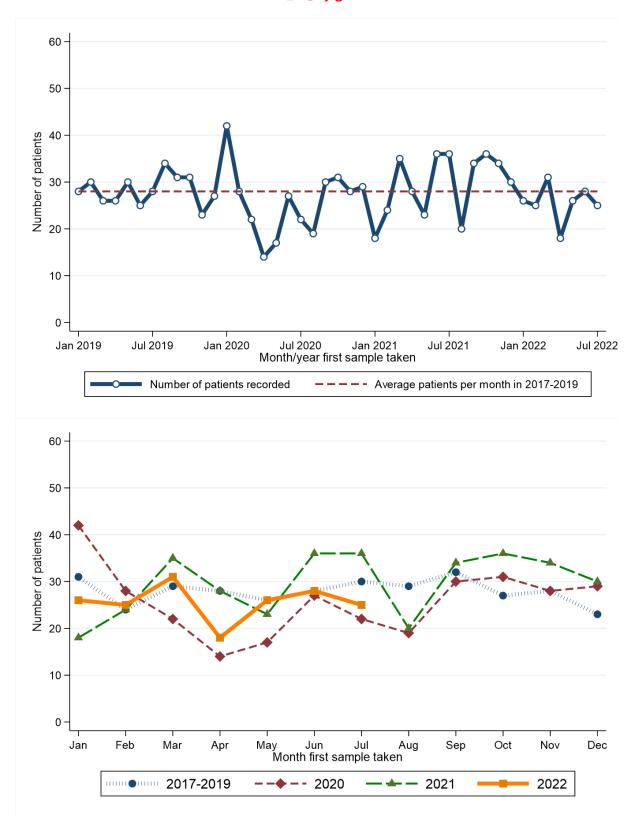
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UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-4.8%

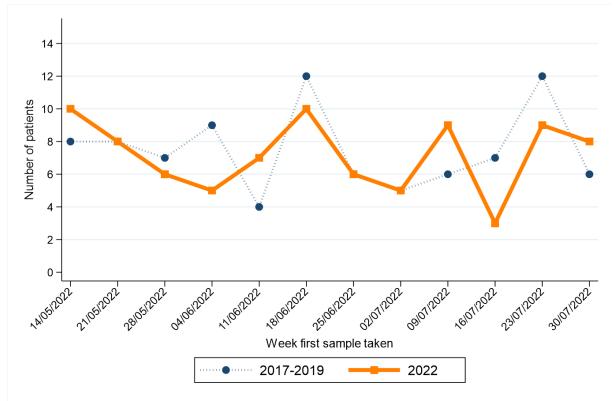


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	31	42	18	26	Jul	30	22	36	25
Feb	24	28	24	25	Aug	29	19	20	
Mar	29	22	35	31	Sep	32	30	34	
Apr	28	14	28	18	Oct	27	31	36	
May	26	17	23	26	Nov	28	28	34	
Jun	28	27	36	28	Dec	23	29	30	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-4.4%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	8	10	25/06/2022	6	6
21/05/2022	8	8	02/07/2022	5	5
28/05/2022	7	6	09/07/2022	6	9
04/06/2022	9	5	16/07/2022	7	3
11/06/2022	4	7	23/07/2022	12	9
18/06/2022	12	10	30/07/2022	6	8

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

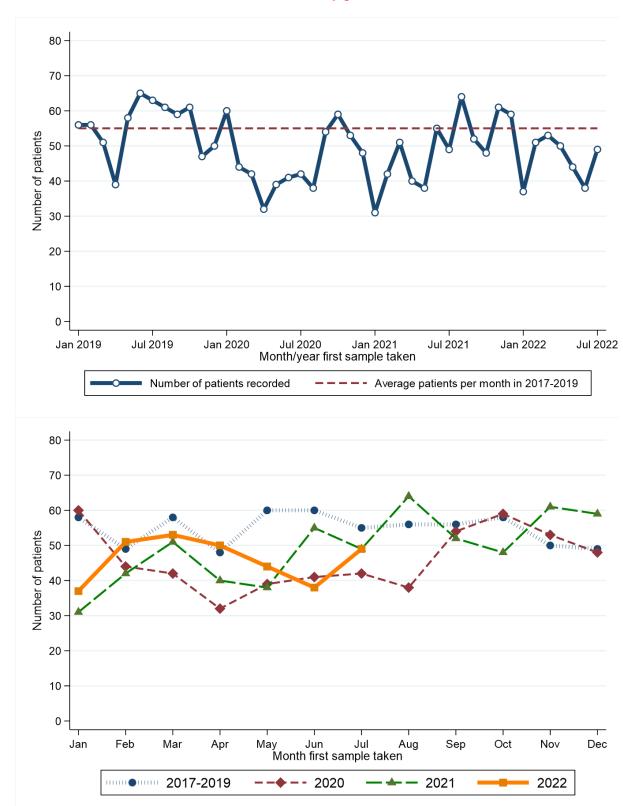
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GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

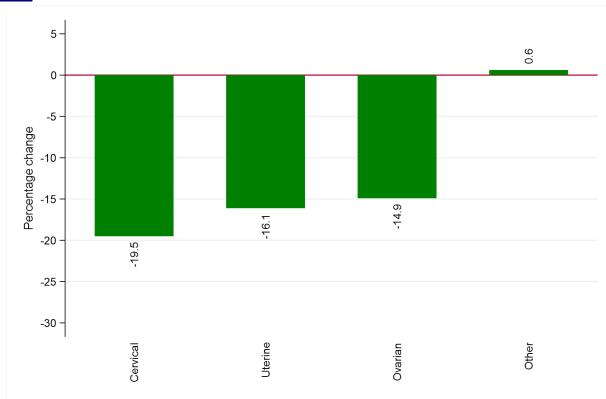
-14.7%



Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	58	60	31	37	Jul	55	42	49	49
Feb	49	44	42	51	Aug	56	38	64	
Mar	58	42	51	53	Sep	56	54	52	
Apr	48	32	40	50	Oct	58	59	48	
May	60	39	38	44	Nov	50	53	61	
Jun	60	41	55	38	Dec	49	48	59	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

<u>CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 BY DETAILED CANCER TYPE - Excluding Altnagelvin</u>

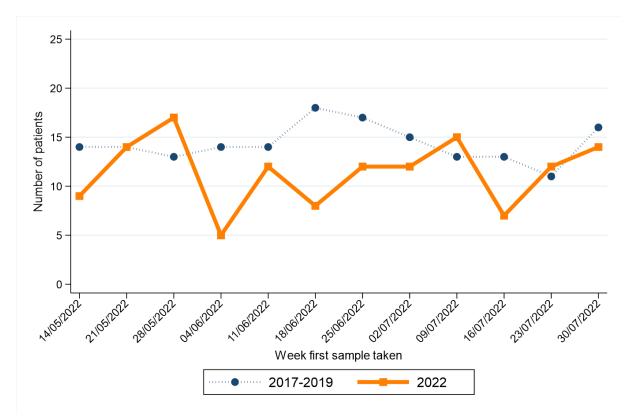


Concortino	Number of patients (March 2020 to July 2022)					
Cancer type	Expected number*	Recorded number				
Cervical cancer	318	256				
Uterine cancer	770	646				
Ovarian cancer	544	463				
Other gynaecological cancer	163	164				

 $^{* \}textit{Based upon average monthly number of patients from 2017-2019}.$

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-20.3%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	14	9	25/06/2022	17	12
21/05/2022	14	14	02/07/2022	15	12
28/05/2022	13	17	09/07/2022	13	15
04/06/2022	14	5	16/07/2022	13	7
11/06/2022	14	12	23/07/2022	11	12
18/06/2022	18	8	30/07/2022	16	14

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

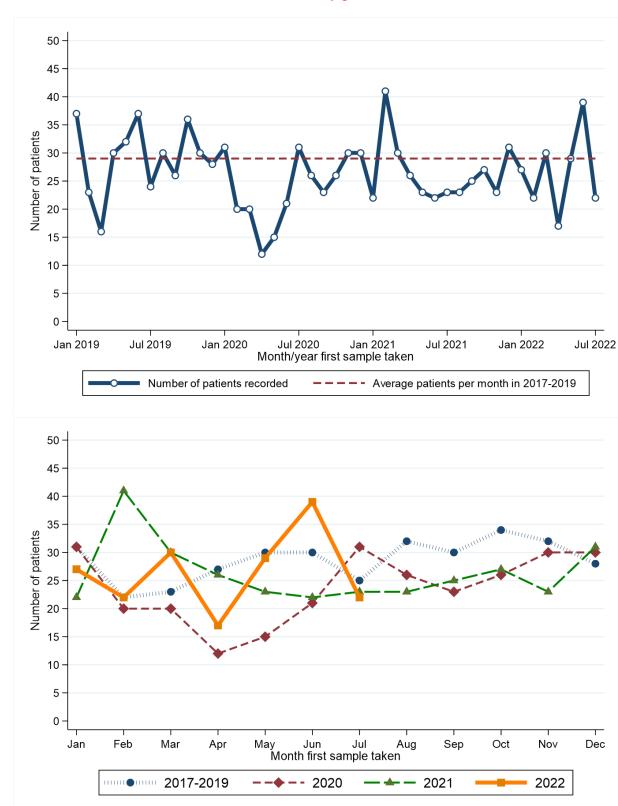
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HEAD AND NECK CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

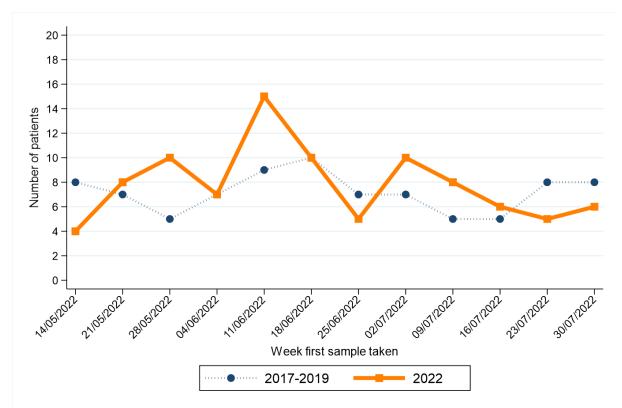
-10.6%



Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	31	31	22	27	Jul	25	31	23	22
Feb	22	20	41	22	Aug	32	26	23	
Mar	23	20	30	30	Sep	30	23	25	
Apr	27	12	26	17	Oct	34	26	27	
May	30	15	23	29	Nov	32	30	23	
Jun	30	21	22	39	Dec	28	30	31	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	8	4	25/06/2022	7	5
21/05/2022	7	8	02/07/2022	7	10
28/05/2022	5	10	09/07/2022	5	8
04/06/2022	7	7	16/07/2022	5	6
11/06/2022	9	15	23/07/2022	8	5
18/06/2022	10	10	30/07/2022	8	6

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

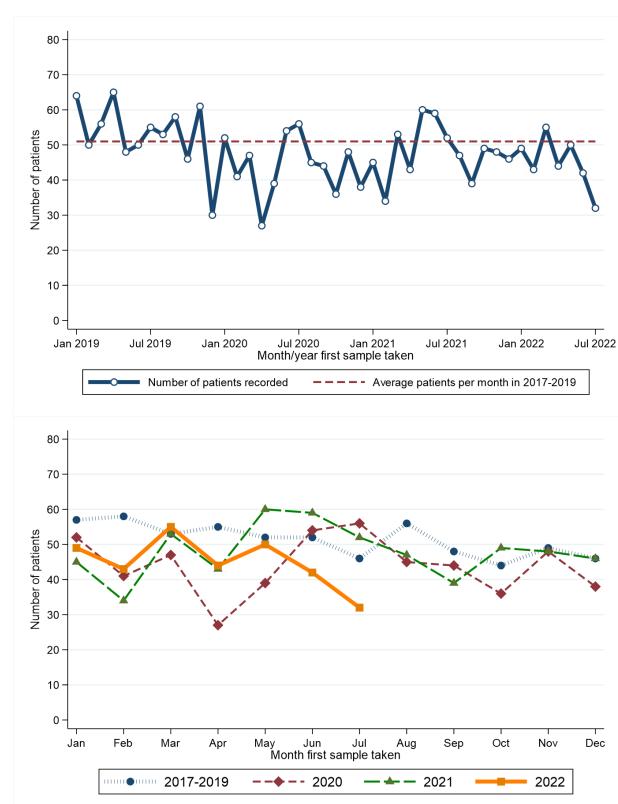
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URINARY CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-11.1%

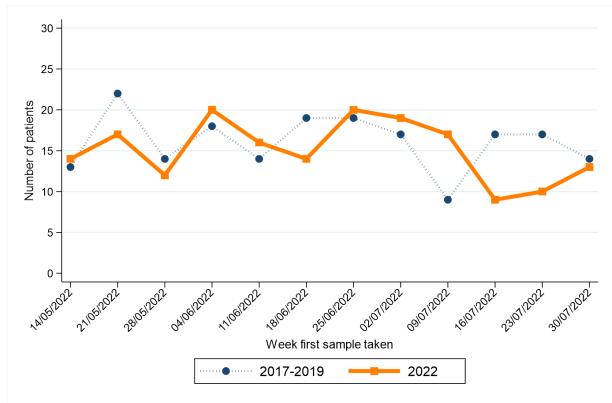


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	57	52	45	49	Jul	46	56	52	32
Feb	58	41	34	43	Aug	56	45	47	
Mar	53	47	53	55	Sep	48	44	39	
Apr	55	27	43	44	Oct	44	36	49	
May	52	39	60	50	Nov	49	48	48	
Jun	52	54	59	42	Dec	46	38	46	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-6.2%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	13	14	25/06/2022	19	20
21/05/2022	22	17	02/07/2022	17	19
28/05/2022	14	12	09/07/2022	9	17
04/06/2022	18	20	16/07/2022	17	9
11/06/2022	14	16	23/07/2022	17	10
18/06/2022	19	14	30/07/2022	14	13

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

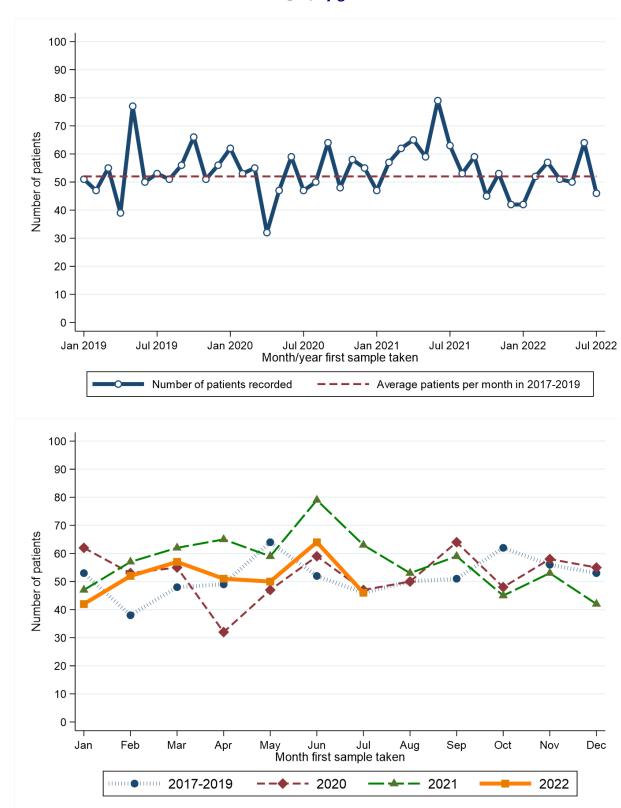
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HAEMATOLOGICAL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+3.9%

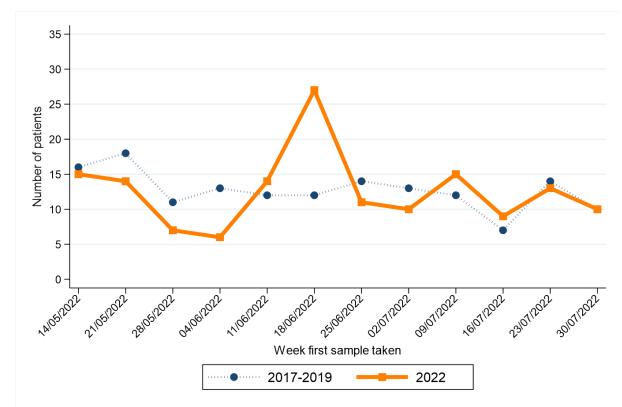


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	53	62	47	42	Jul	46	47	63	46
Feb	38	53	57	52	Aug	50	50	53	
Mar	48	55	62	57	Sep	51	64	59	
Apr	49	32	65	51	Oct	62	48	45	
May	64	47	59	50	Nov	56	58	53	
Jun	52	59	79	64	Dec	53	55	42	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-0.7%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	16	15	25/06/2022	14	11
21/05/2022	18	14	02/07/2022	13	10
28/05/2022	11	7	09/07/2022	12	15
04/06/2022	13	6	16/07/2022	7	9
11/06/2022	12	14	23/07/2022	14	13
18/06/2022	12	27	30/07/2022	10	10

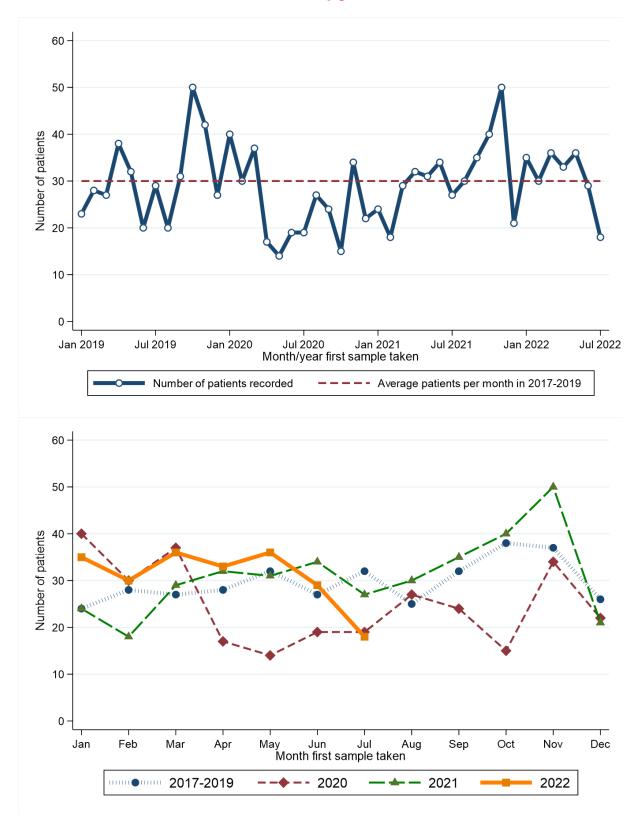
^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

^{**} Date shown refers to the end date of the week in 2022. Data for previous years refers to the equivalent Sat-Sun week in those years.

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-4.9%



Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	24	40	24	35	Jul	32	19	27	18
Feb	28	30	18	30	Aug	25	27	30	
Mar	27	37	29	36	Sep	32	24	35	
Apr	28	17	32	33	Oct	38	15	40	
May	32	14	31	36	Nov	37	34	50	
Jun	27	19	34	29	Dec	26	22	21	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-3.3%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	8	10	25/06/2022	6	6
21/05/2022	10	12	02/07/2022	11	7
28/05/2022	7	6	09/07/2022	7	3
04/06/2022	8	10	16/07/2022	5	4
11/06/2022	7	9	23/07/2022	11	4
18/06/2022	6	10	30/07/2022	6	8

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

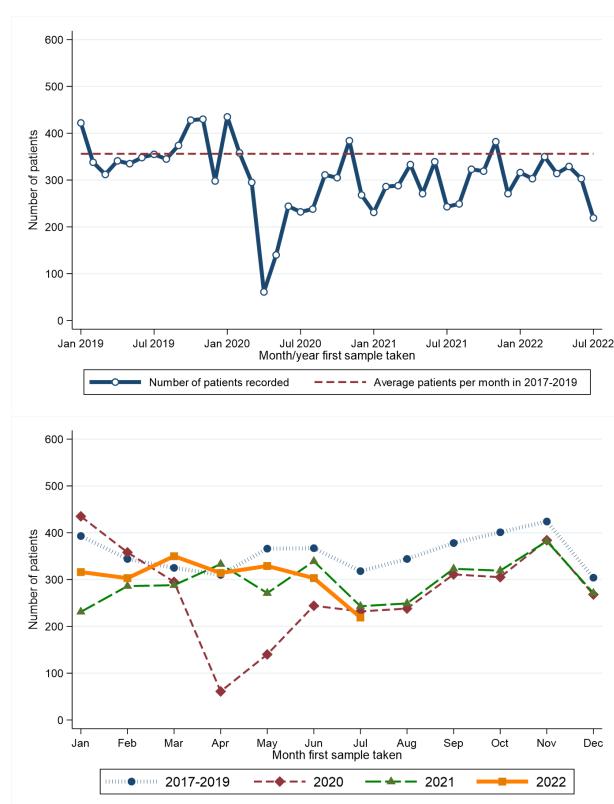
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NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-20.4%

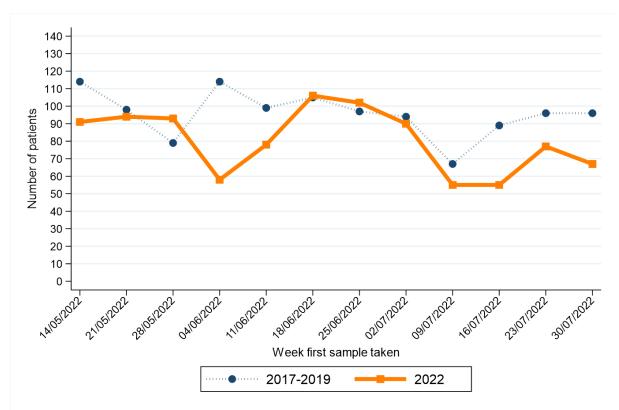


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	393	435	231	316	Jul	318	232	243	219
Feb	344	358	286	303	Aug	344	238	249	
Mar	325	295	288	350	Sep	378	311	323	
Apr	310	61	333	314	Oct	401	305	319	
May	366	140	271	329	Nov	424	384	382	
Jun	367	244	339	303	Dec	304	268	271	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-15.9%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	114	91	25/06/2022	97	102
21/05/2022	98	94	02/07/2022	94	90
28/05/2022	79	93	09/07/2022	67	55
04/06/2022	114	58	16/07/2022	89	55
11/06/2022	99	78	23/07/2022	96	77
18/06/2022	105	106	30/07/2022	96	67

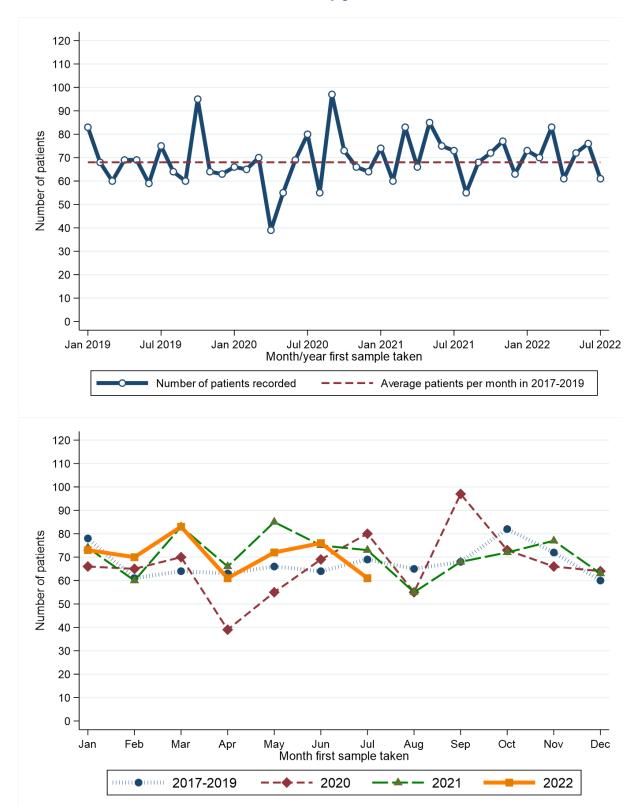
^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

^{**} Date shown refers to the end date of the week in 2022. Data for previous years refers to the equivalent Sat-Sun week in those years.

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to July 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+3.3%

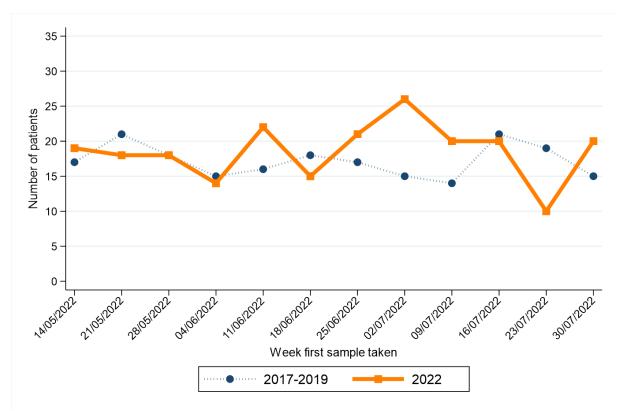


Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month first sample taken**	2017- 2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	78	66	74	73	Jul	69	80	73	61
Feb	61	65	60	70	Aug	65	55	55	
Mar	64	70	83	83	Sep	68	97	68	
Apr	63	39	66	61	Oct	82	73	72	
May	66	55	85	72	Nov	72	66	77	
Jun	64	69	75	76	Dec	60	64	63	

st Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 30/07/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+8.3%



Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week first sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
14/05/2022	17	19	25/06/2022	17	21
21/05/2022	21	18	02/07/2022	15	26
28/05/2022	18	18	09/07/2022	14	20
04/06/2022	15	14	16/07/2022	21	20
11/06/2022	16	22	23/07/2022	19	10
18/06/2022	18	15	30/07/2022	15	20

^{*} Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

^{**} Date shown refers to the end date of the week in 2022. Data for previous years refers to the equivalent Sat-Sun week in those years.

NOTES

- 1. NMSC: Non-melanoma skin cancer
- 2. Data is sourced from the four NHS pathology laboratories in Northern Ireland (Altnagelvin, Antrim, Belfast, Craigavon), which is provided to the NI Cancer Registry on a monthly basis. It does not include information on pathology samples processed by private laboratories.
- 3. Figures represent the number of patients with pathology samples that indicated a malignant tumour and had this result coded and recorded by the end of July 2022. Due to potential reporting delays, pathology data from the month following July 2022 are used in compiling the presented results.
- 4. Assignment of week number is based upon a Sunday to Saturday week. The week ending label used in graphs and tables is based upon the date of the end of the week (a Saturday) in 2021-2022. This is compared with the equivalent Sunday-Saturday week in 2017-2019, although the actual date ending this week in 2017-2019 will differ.
- 5. Individual patients with cancer may have more than one pathology sample. A diagnosis of cancer may be a result of more than one procedure indicating cancer, for example a breast cancer diagnosis may be based upon a positive biopsy of the breast and then a separate positive dissection of a lymph node. Patients are thus only included once per cancer type unless they have had pathology samples separated by more than two years, thus a patient with samples in March and April of 2019 will be counted once (in the March 2019 count), while a patient with samples in April 2017 and May 2020 will be counted in both the April 2017 and May 2020 counts.
- 6. Cancer types are defined as follows:

Bowel cancer: Includes colon, rectum and rectosigmoid junction (ICD10 codes: C18-C20).

Lung cancer: Includes lung and trachea (ICD10 codes: C33-C34). **Breast cancer:** Includes female breast only (ICD10 codes: C50).

Prostate cancer: (ICD10 codes: C61).

Gynaecological cancer: Includes uterus, ovary, cervix, vulva, vagina, placenta and other female genital

(ICD10 codes: C51-C58).

Upper GI cancer: Includes oesophagus and stomach (ICD10 codes: C15, C16).

Head and neck cancer: Includes lip, tongue, mouth, parotid & salivary glands, tonsil, oropharynx, nasopharynx, pyriform sinus, hypopharynx, nasal cavity, middle ear, sinuses and larynx (ICD10 codes: C00-C14, C30-C32).

Urinary cancer: Includes kidney, renal pelvis, ureter, bladder and other urinary (ICD10 codes: C64-C68).

Haematological cancer: Includes lymphoma (all types), leukaemia (all types), myeloma, malignant immunoproliferative disease and other lymphoid and haematopoietic (ICD10 codes: C81-C96).

Melanoma: (ICD10 code: C43).

Non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC): (ICD10 code: C44).

Other cancer: Includes cancers of small intestine, anus, liver, gallbladder, thymus, bone, mesothelioma, soft tissue, penis, testis, eye, brain, endocrine system and thyroid (ICD10 codes: C16, C21-C26, C37-C41, C45-C49, C60, C62, C63, C69-C75). Excludes cancer of unknown primary.