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

**November 2022 update**

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## SUMMARY

### **Recent trends in the number of patients with pathology samples indicating cancer: November 2022**

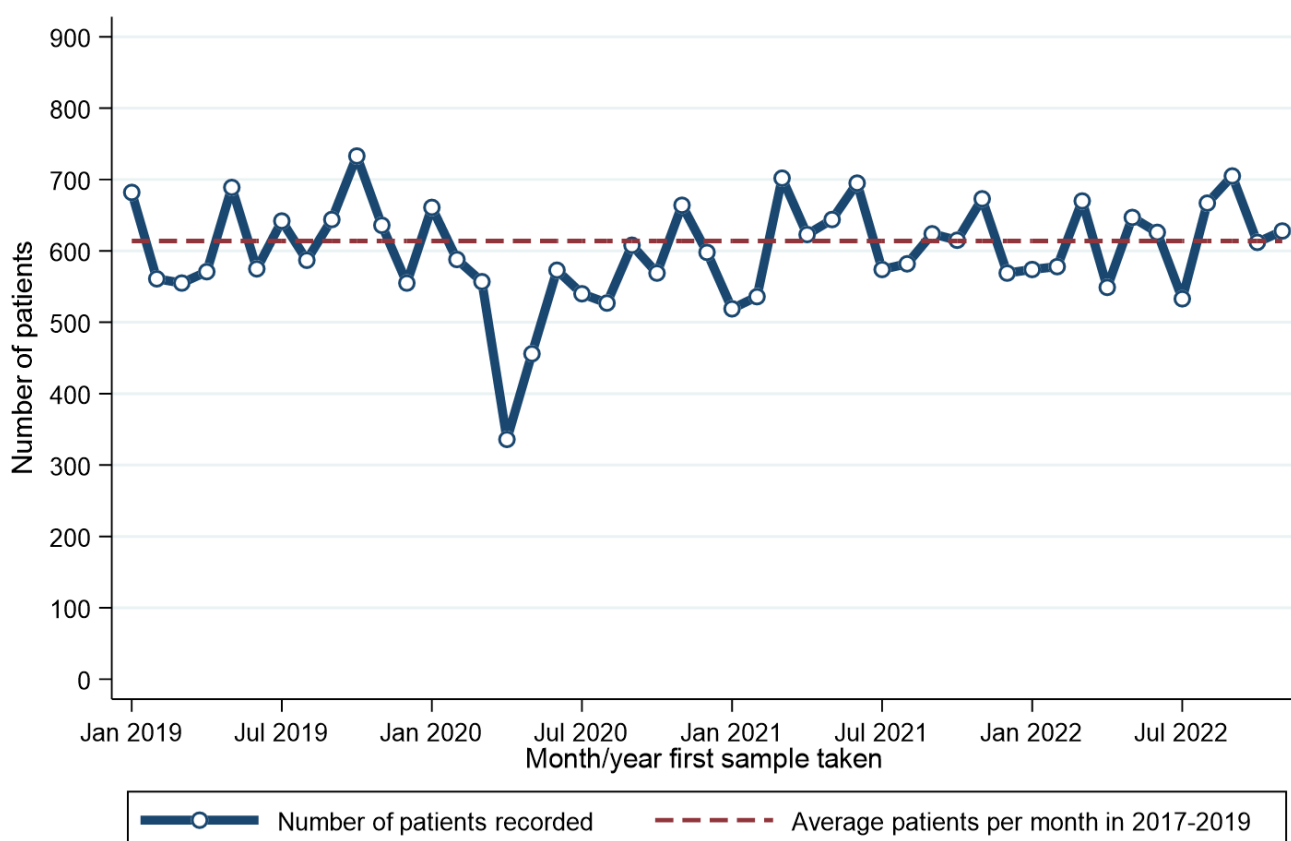
This summary provides an overview of recent trends in the number of patients with pathology samples indicating cancer (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer, NMSC) whose first sample was taken from January 2020 to November 2022 in Northern Ireland.

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 Covid-19 on diagnostic cancer services.

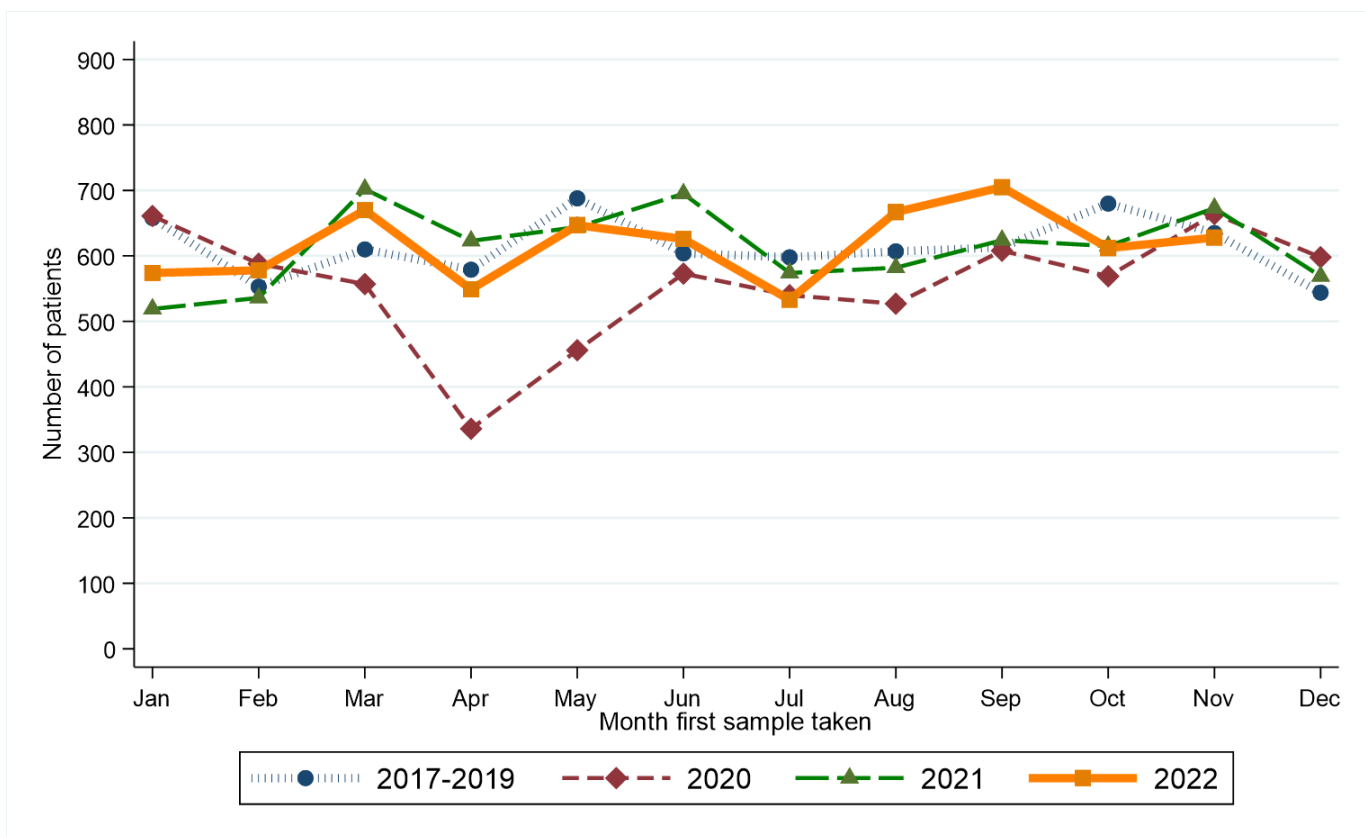
Data are sourced from the four NHS pathology laboratories in NI (Belfast, Altnagelvin, Antrim, Craigavon), which are usually provided to NICR on a monthly basis. **Altnagelvin laboratory is excluded from some analysis as a change in recording systems led to an undercount in the number of reported samples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

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

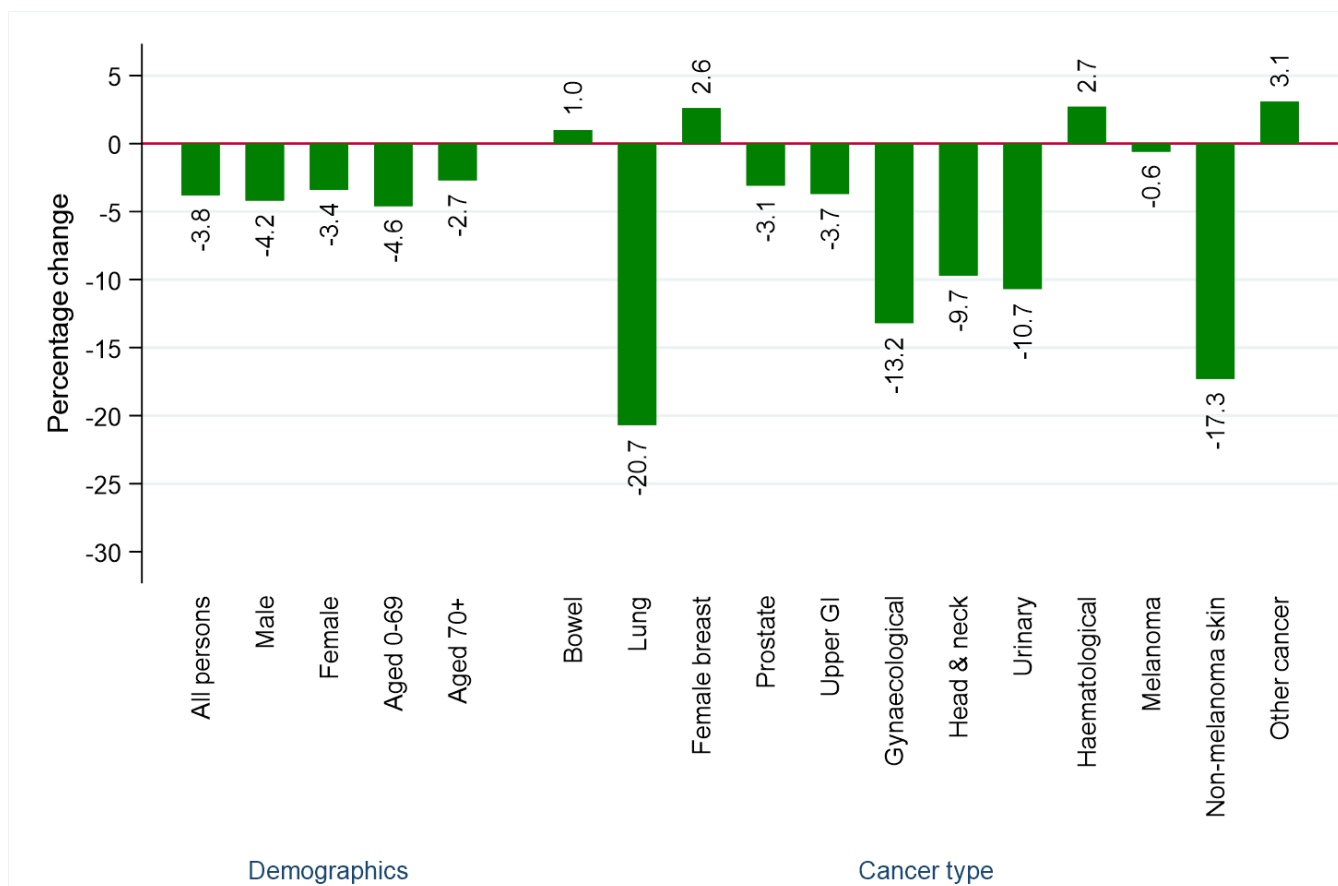
From March 2020 to November 2022 the number of patients with a pathological sample indicating cancer (ex NMSC) was 3.8% lower than the average number for the same time period in 2017-2019.



From March 2020 to November 2022 there was a 4.2% decrease among males and a 3.4% decrease among females compared to the same time period in 2017-2019. A decrease of 4.6% occurred in the number of patients aged 0-69 years, while there was a decrease of 2.7% among those aged 70 and older.

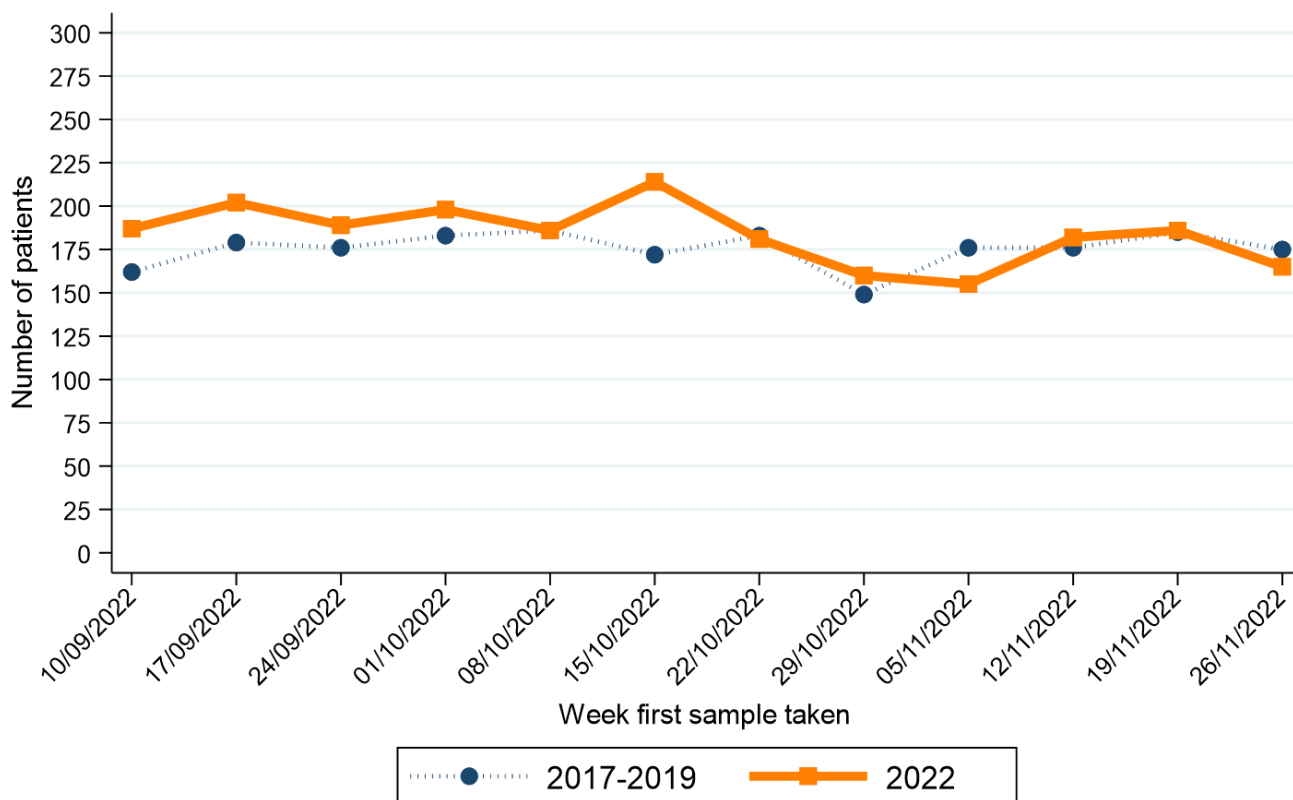


Compared to the annual average in 2017-2019, from March 2020 to November 2022 the number of patients with a pathology sample indicating lung cancer decreased by 20.7%. Increases were recorded for bowel cancer, female breast cancer and haematological cancer, while decreases of more than 10% were recorded for gynaecological cancer, urinary cancer and non-melanoma skin cancer.

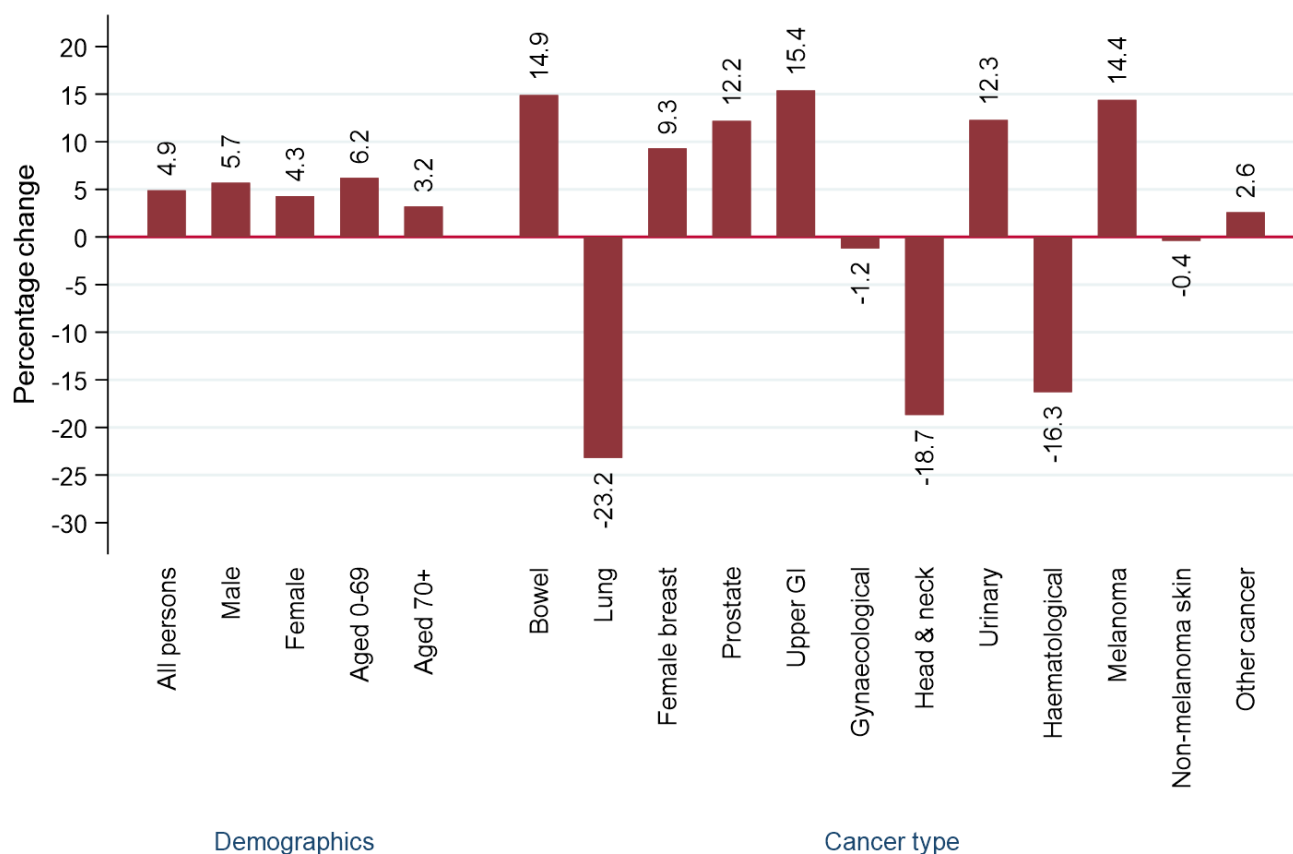


### RECENT CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS (Includes Altnagelvin)

There was a 4.9% increase in the number of patients with a pathology sample indicating cancer in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to the average value in the equivalent weeks in 2017-2019.



Note: 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



In the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 there was a 5.7% increase among males and a 4.3% increase among females compared to the same time period in 2017-2019. An increase of 6.2% occurred in the number of patients aged 0-69 years, while there was an increase of 3.2% among those aged 70 and older.

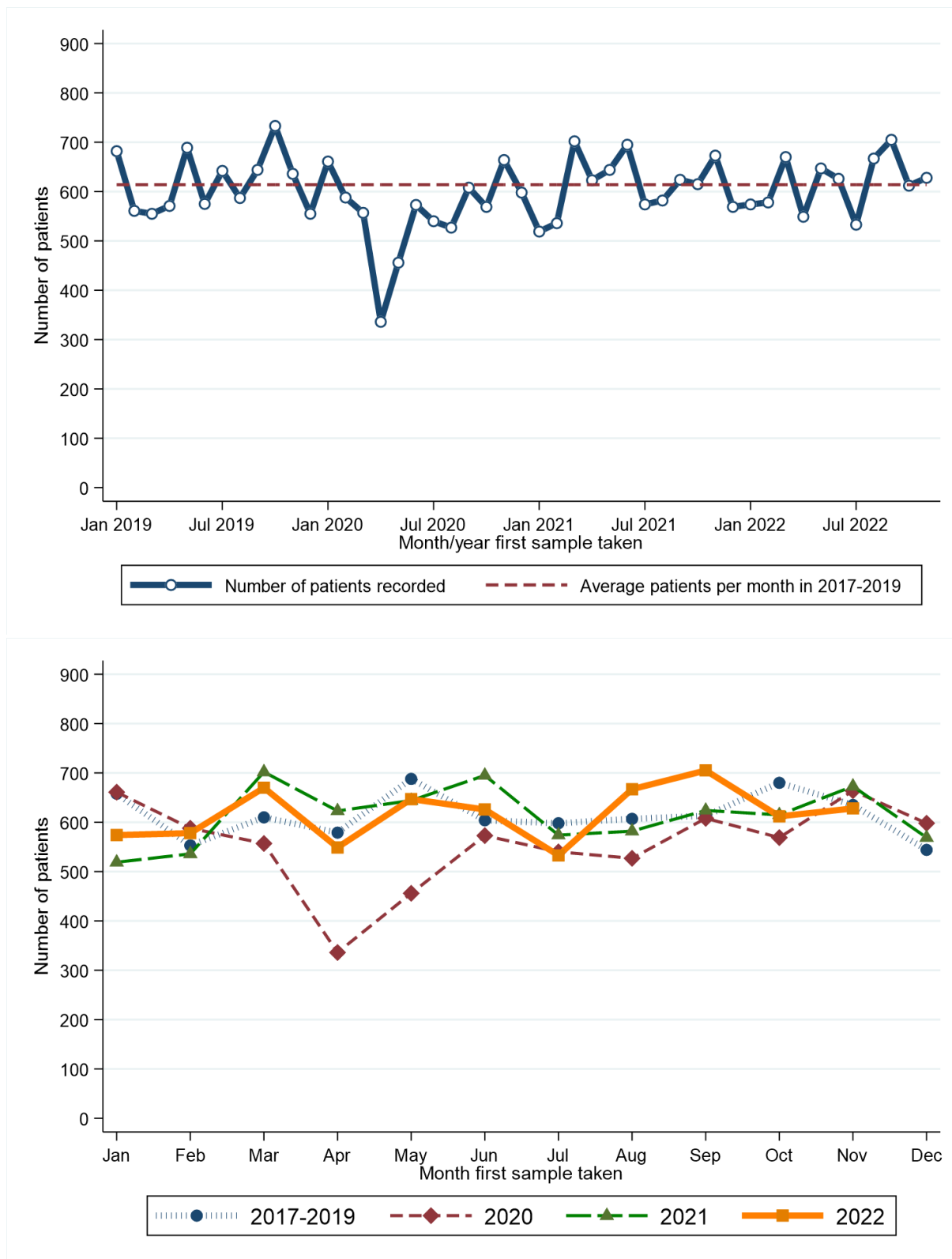
Compared to the annual average in 2017-2019, in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 the number of patients with a pathology sample indicating lung cancer decreased by 23.2%. Increases were recorded for bowel cancer, female breast cancer, prostate cancer, upper gastrointestinal cancer, urinary cancer and melanoma, while decreases of more than 10% were recorded for head and neck cancer and haematological cancer.

# ALL PERSONS: CANCER (EX NMSC)

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-3.8%**



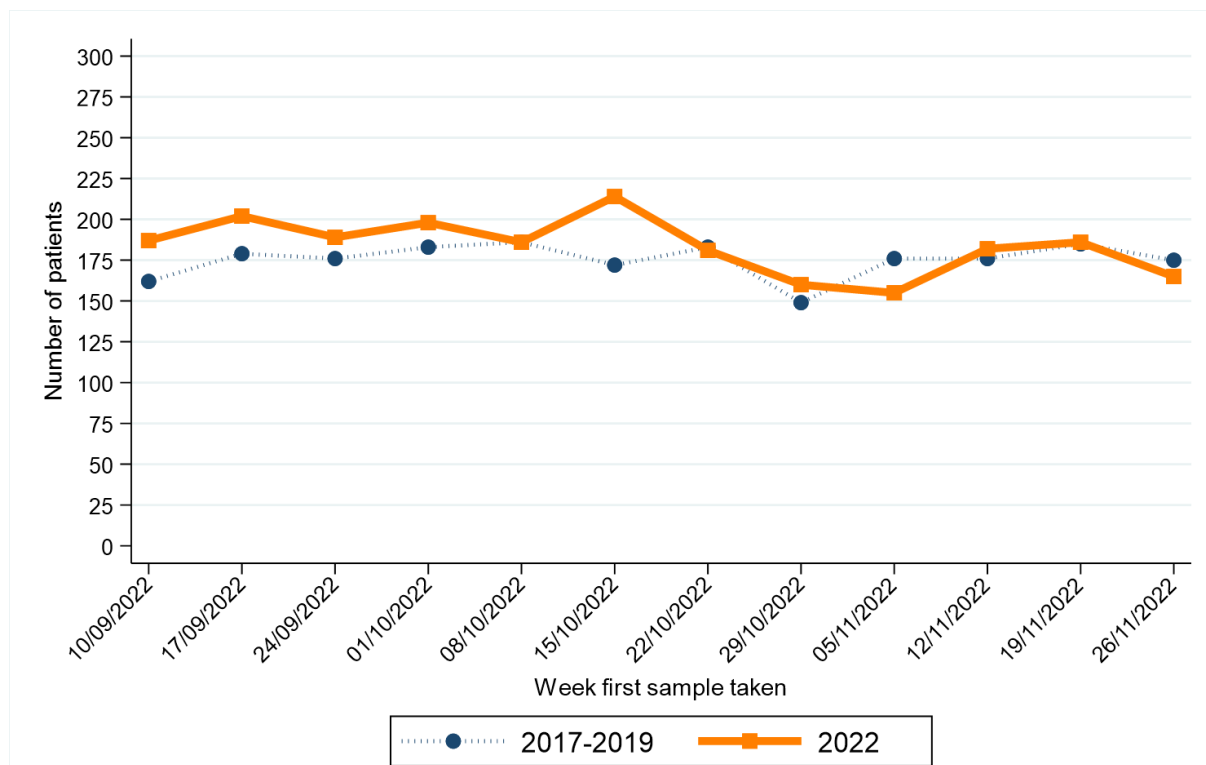
| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 658        | 661  | 519  | 574  | Jul                        | 598        | 540  | 574  | 533  |
| Feb                        | 553        | 588  | 536  | 578  | Aug                        | 607        | 527  | 582  | 667  |
| Mar                        | 610        | 557  | 702  | 670  | Sep                        | 613        | 608  | 624  | 705  |
| Apr                        | 579        | 336  | 623  | 549  | Oct                        | 680        | 569  | 615  | 612  |
| May                        | 688        | 456  | 644  | 647  | Nov                        | 635        | 664  | 673  | 628  |
| Jun                        | 604        | 573  | 695  | 626  | Dec                        | 544        | 598  | 569  | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+4.9%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* 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.

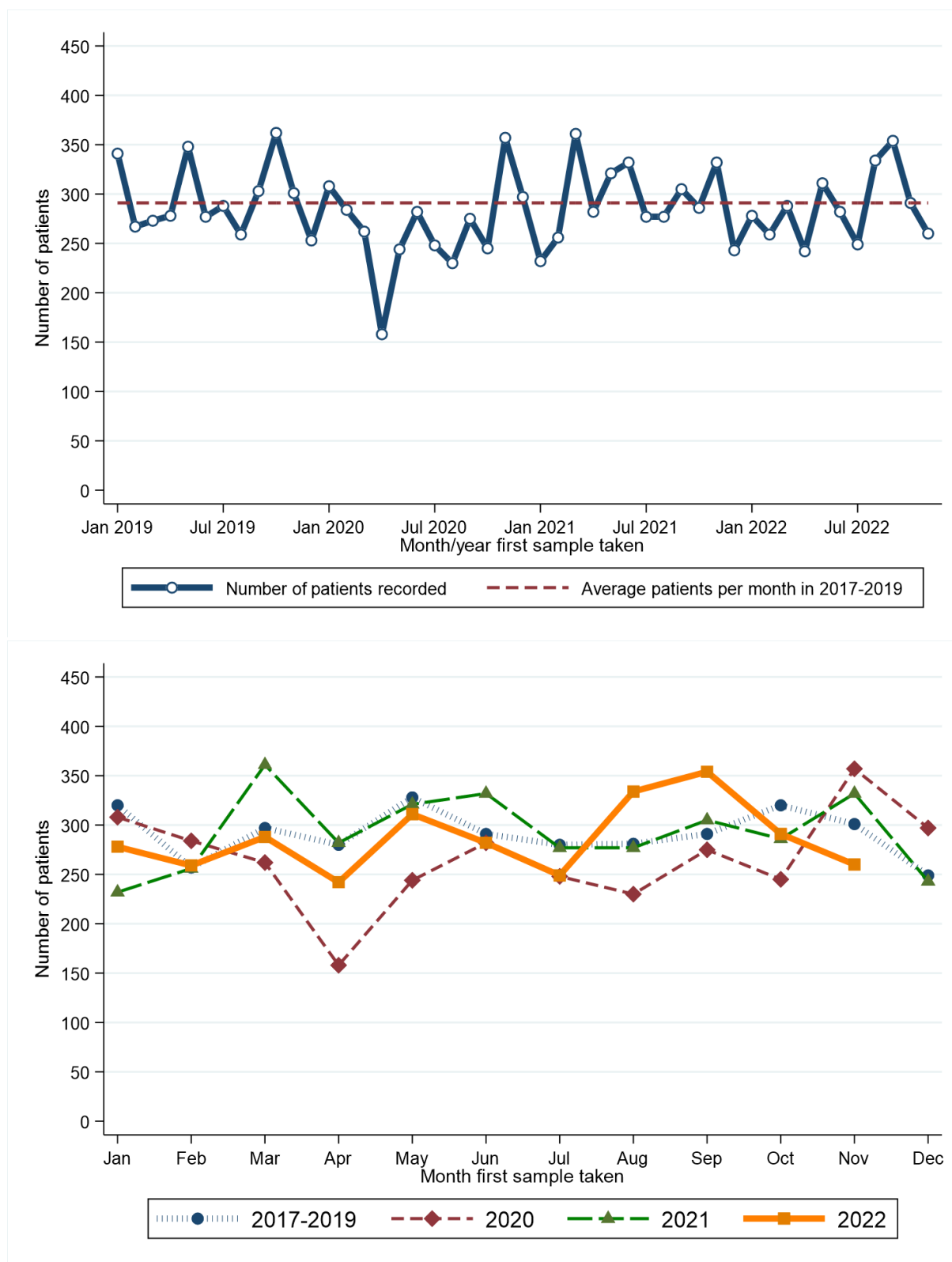


# MALE: CANCER (EX NMSC)

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-4.2%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 320        | 308  | 232  | 278  |
| Feb                        | 257        | 284  | 256  | 259  |
| Mar                        | 297        | 262  | 361  | 288  |
| Apr                        | 280        | 158  | 282  | 242  |
| May                        | 328        | 244  | 321  | 311  |
| Jun                        | 291        | 282  | 332  | 282  |

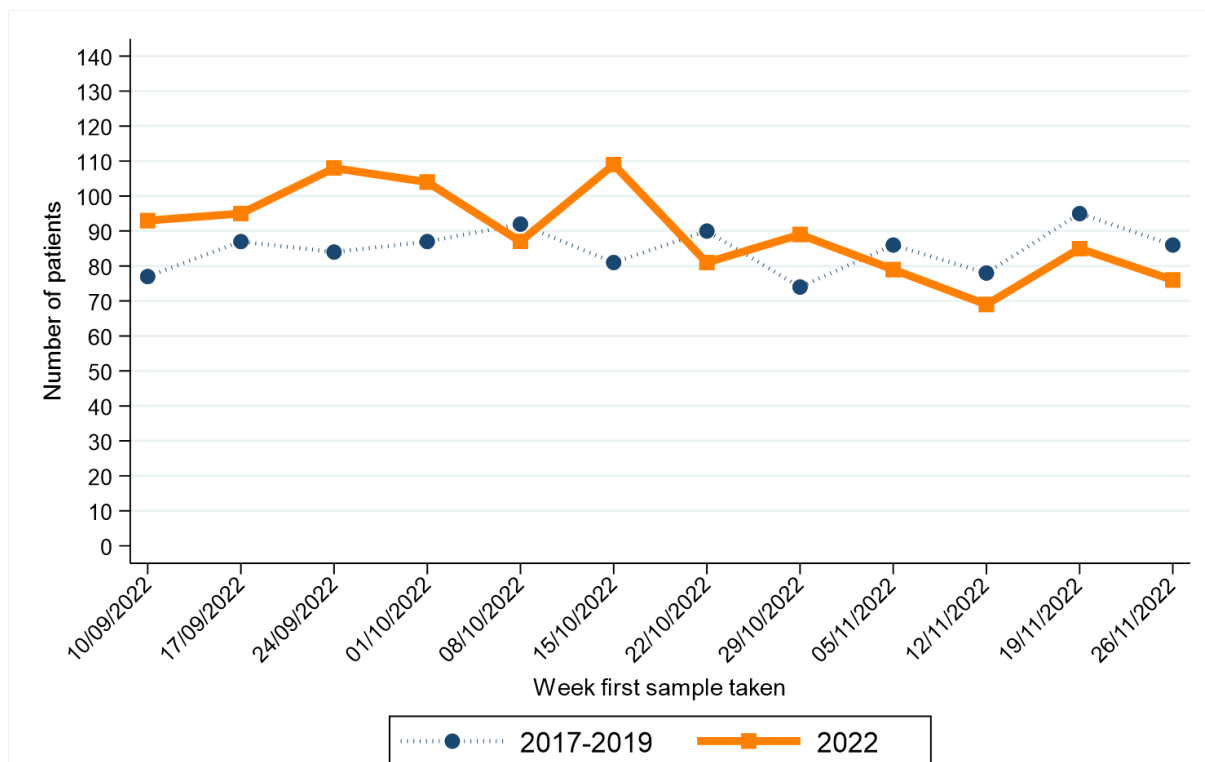
\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 280        | 248  | 277  | 249  |
| Aug                        | 281        | 230  | 277  | 334  |
| Sep                        | 291        | 275  | 305  | 354  |
| Oct                        | 320        | 245  | 286  | 291  |
| Nov                        | 301        | 357  | 332  | 260  |
| Dec                        | 249        | 297  | 243  | .    |

### **RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin**

**Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average**

**+5.7%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

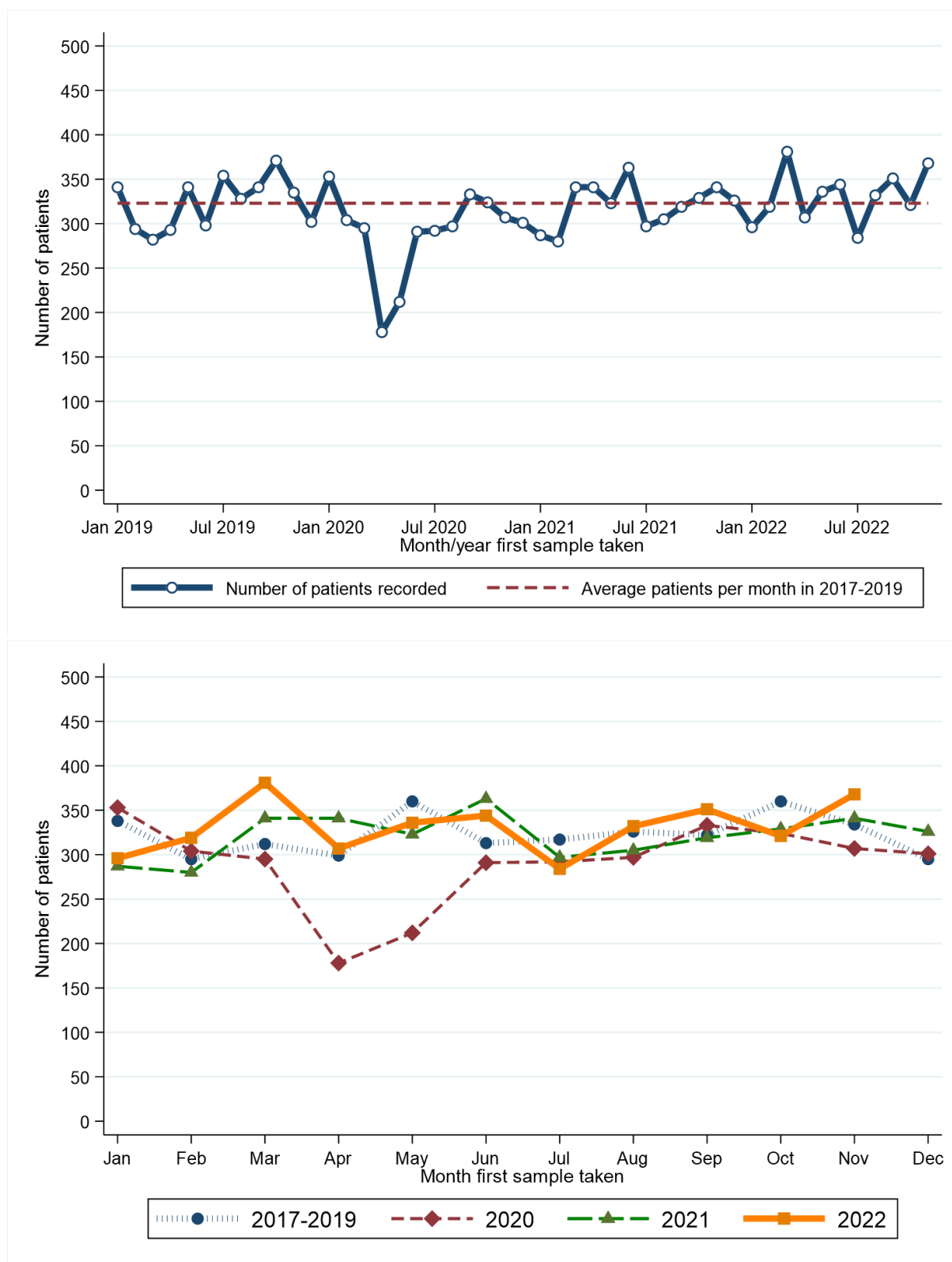
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# FEMALE: CANCER (EX NMSC)

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-3.4%**



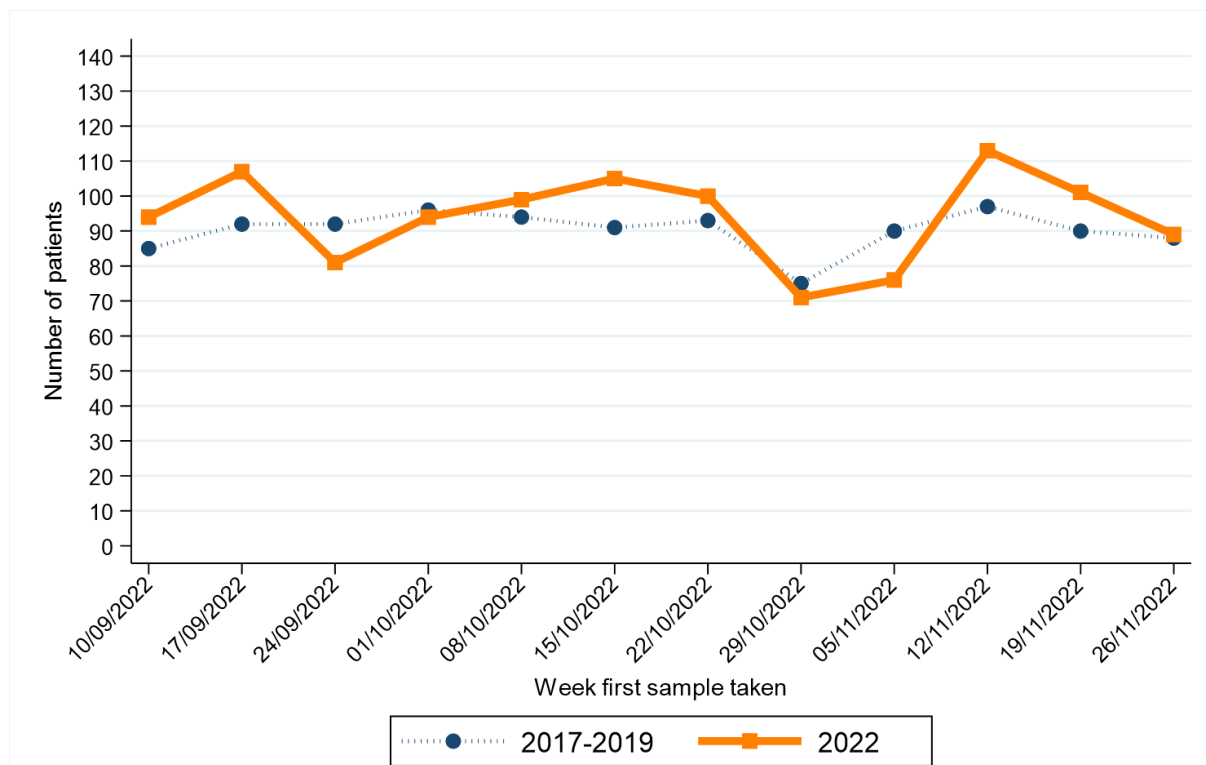
| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 338        | 353  | 287  | 296  | Jul                        | 317        | 292  | 297  | 284  |
| Feb                        | 295        | 304  | 280  | 319  | Aug                        | 326        | 297  | 305  | 332  |
| Mar                        | 312        | 295  | 341  | 381  | Sep                        | 322        | 333  | 319  | 351  |
| Apr                        | 299        | 178  | 341  | 307  | Oct                        | 360        | 324  | 329  | 321  |
| May                        | 360        | 212  | 323  | 336  | Nov                        | 334        | 307  | 341  | 368  |
| Jun                        | 313        | 291  | 363  | 344  | Dec                        | 295        | 301  | 326  | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+4.3%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 | Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  | 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  | 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  | 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  | 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  | 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  | 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

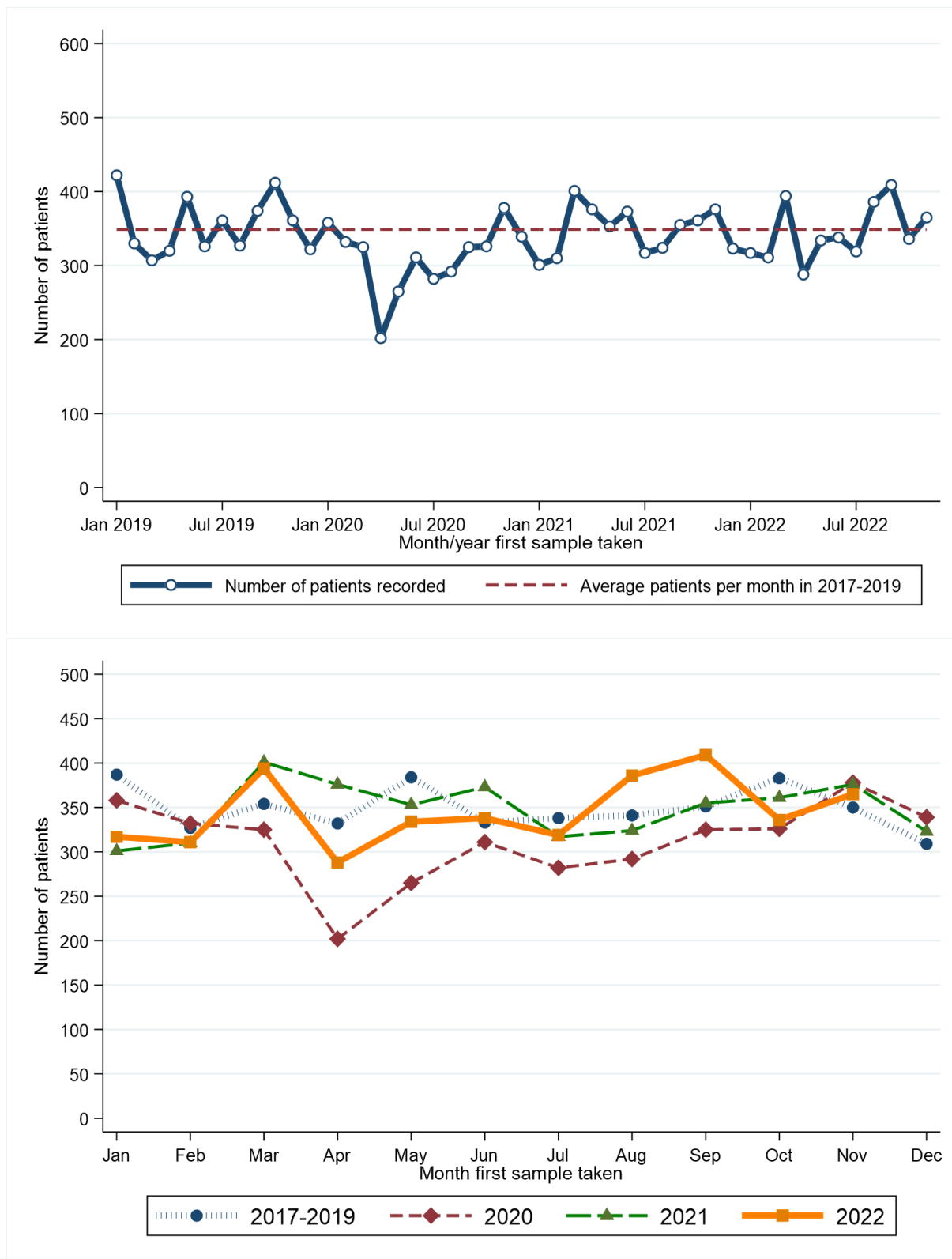
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# AGED 0-69: CANCER (EX NMSC)

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-4.6%**



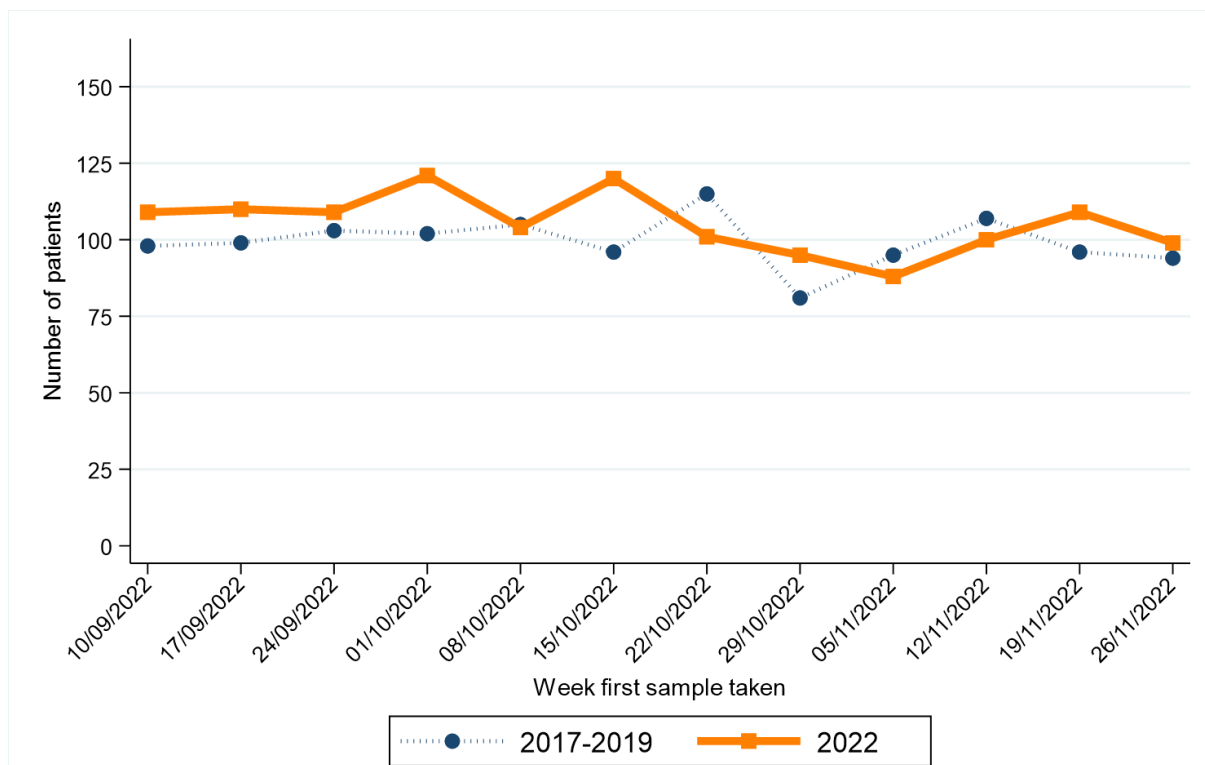
| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 387        | 358  | 301  | 317  | Jul                        | 338        | 282  | 317  | 319  |
| Feb                        | 327        | 332  | 310  | 311  | Aug                        | 341        | 292  | 324  | 386  |
| Mar                        | 354        | 325  | 401  | 394  | Sep                        | 351        | 325  | 355  | 409  |
| Apr                        | 332        | 202  | 376  | 288  | Oct                        | 383        | 326  | 361  | 336  |
| May                        | 384        | 265  | 353  | 334  | Nov                        | 350        | 378  | 376  | 365  |
| Jun                        | 333        | 311  | 373  | 338  | Dec                        | 309        | 339  | 323  | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 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 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  | 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  | 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  | 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  | 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  | 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  | 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

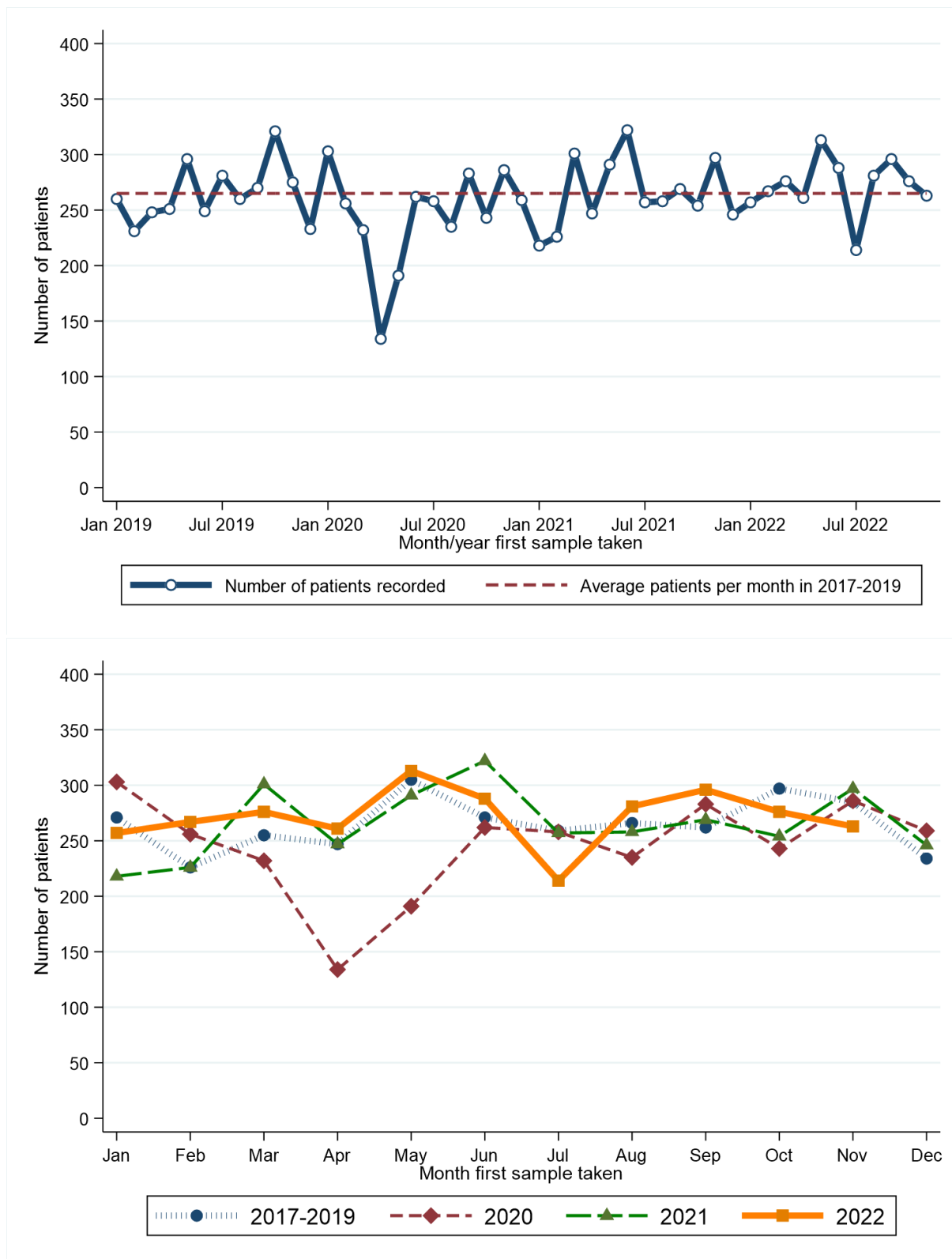
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# AGED 70+: CANCER (EX NMSC)

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-2.7%**



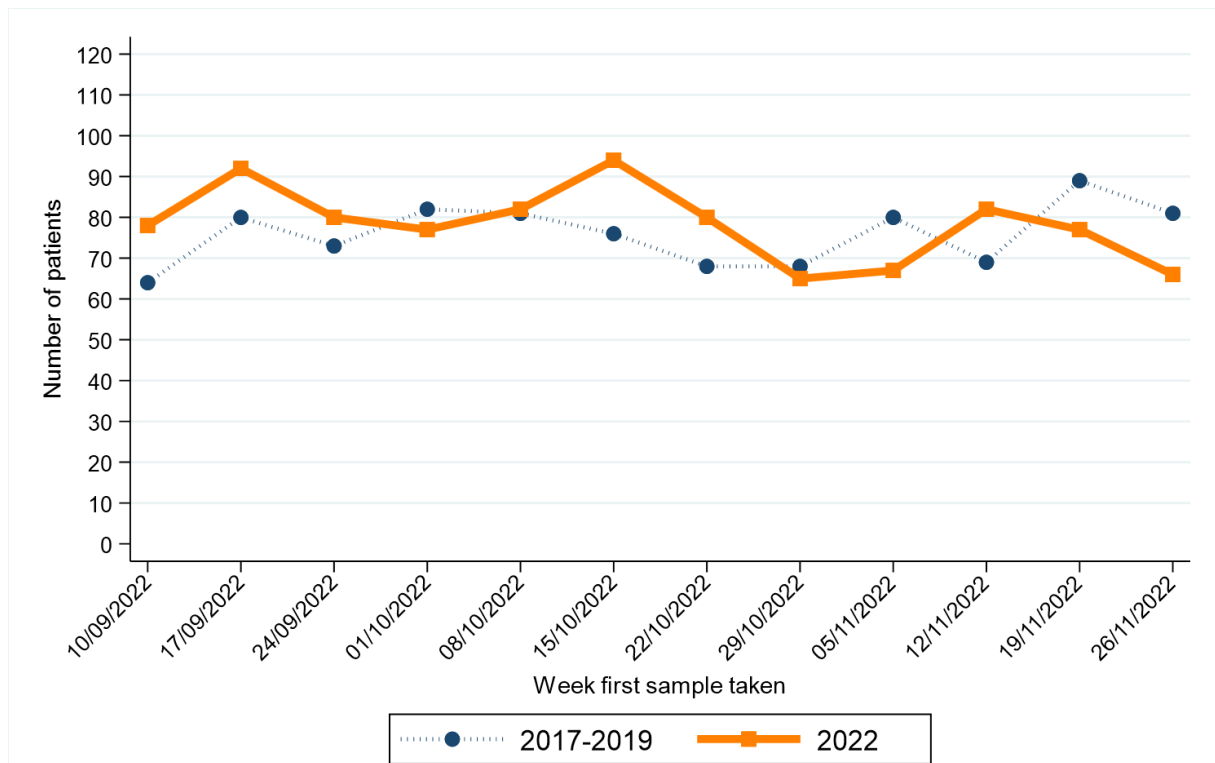
| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 271        | 303  | 218  | 257  | Jul                        | 259        | 258  | 257  | 214  |
| Feb                        | 226        | 256  | 226  | 267  | Aug                        | 266        | 235  | 258  | 281  |
| Mar                        | 255        | 232  | 301  | 276  | Sep                        | 262        | 283  | 269  | 296  |
| Apr                        | 247        | 134  | 247  | 261  | Oct                        | 297        | 243  | 254  | 276  |
| May                        | 305        | 191  | 291  | 313  | Nov                        | 285        | 286  | 297  | 263  |
| Jun                        | 271        | 262  | 322  | 288  | Dec                        | 234        | 259  | 246  | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+3.2%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 | Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  | 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  | 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  | 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  | 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  | 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  | 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

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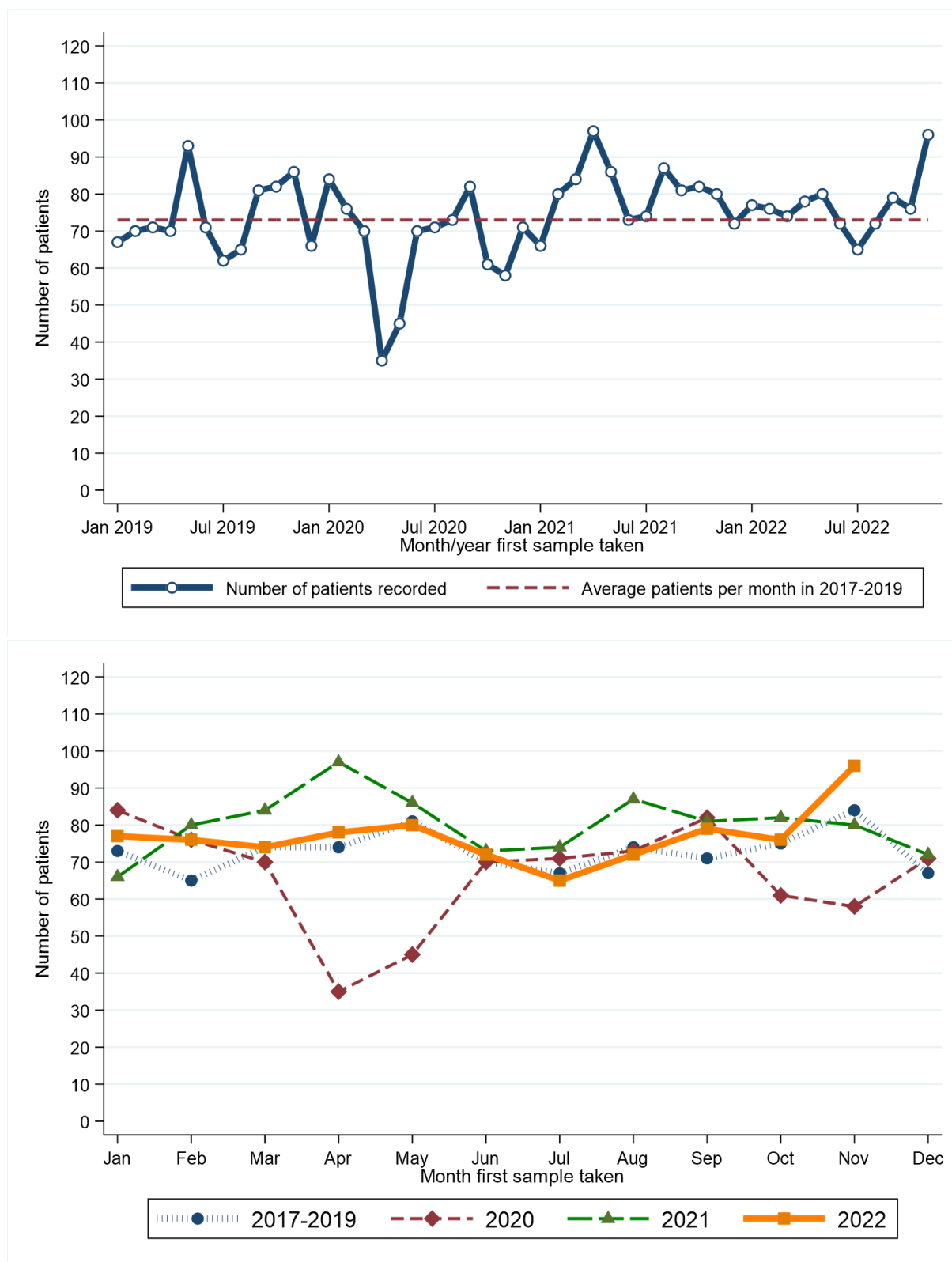


# BOWEL CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**+1.0%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 73         | 84   | 66   | 77   |
| Feb                        | 65         | 76   | 80   | 76   |
| Mar                        | 74         | 70   | 84   | 74   |
| Apr                        | 74         | 35   | 97   | 78   |
| May                        | 81         | 45   | 86   | 80   |
| Jun                        | 70         | 70   | 73   | 72   |

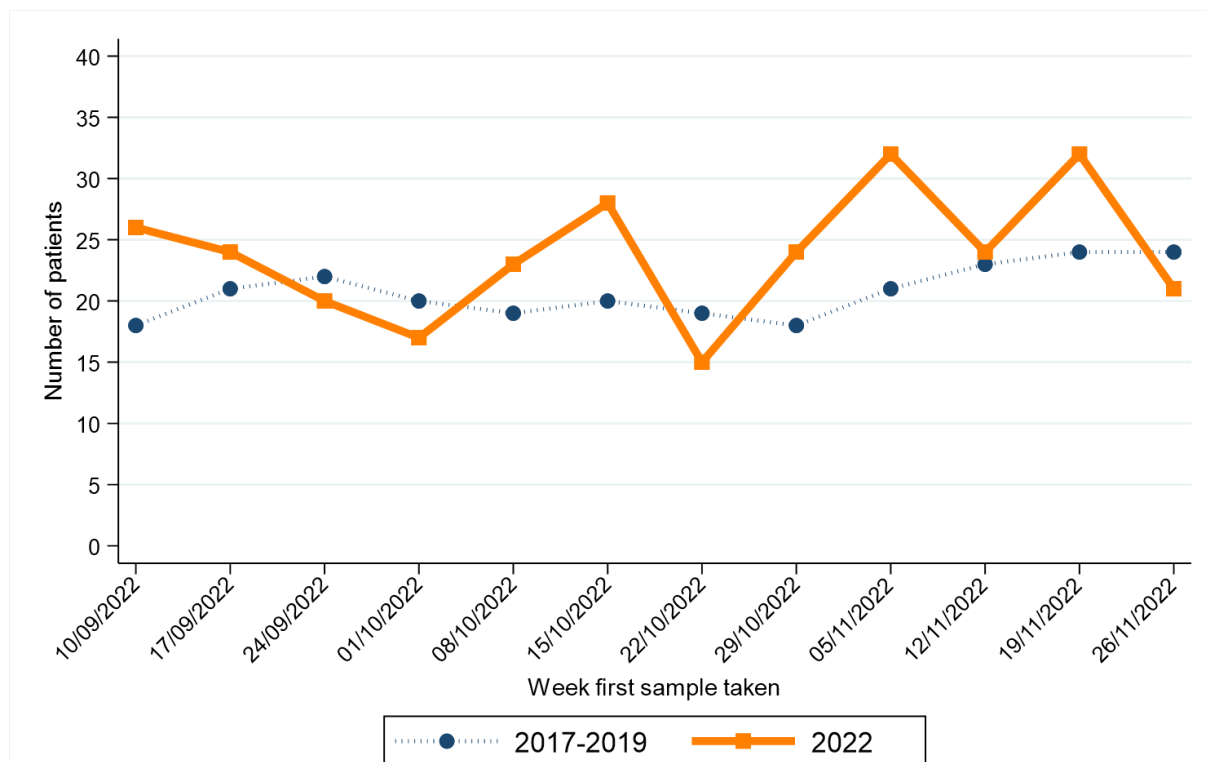
\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 67         | 71   | 74   | 65   |
| Aug                        | 74         | 73   | 87   | 72   |
| Sep                        | 71         | 82   | 81   | 79   |
| Oct                        | 75         | 61   | 82   | 76   |
| Nov                        | 84         | 58   | 80   | 96   |
| Dec                        | 67         | 71   | 72   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+14.9%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
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| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

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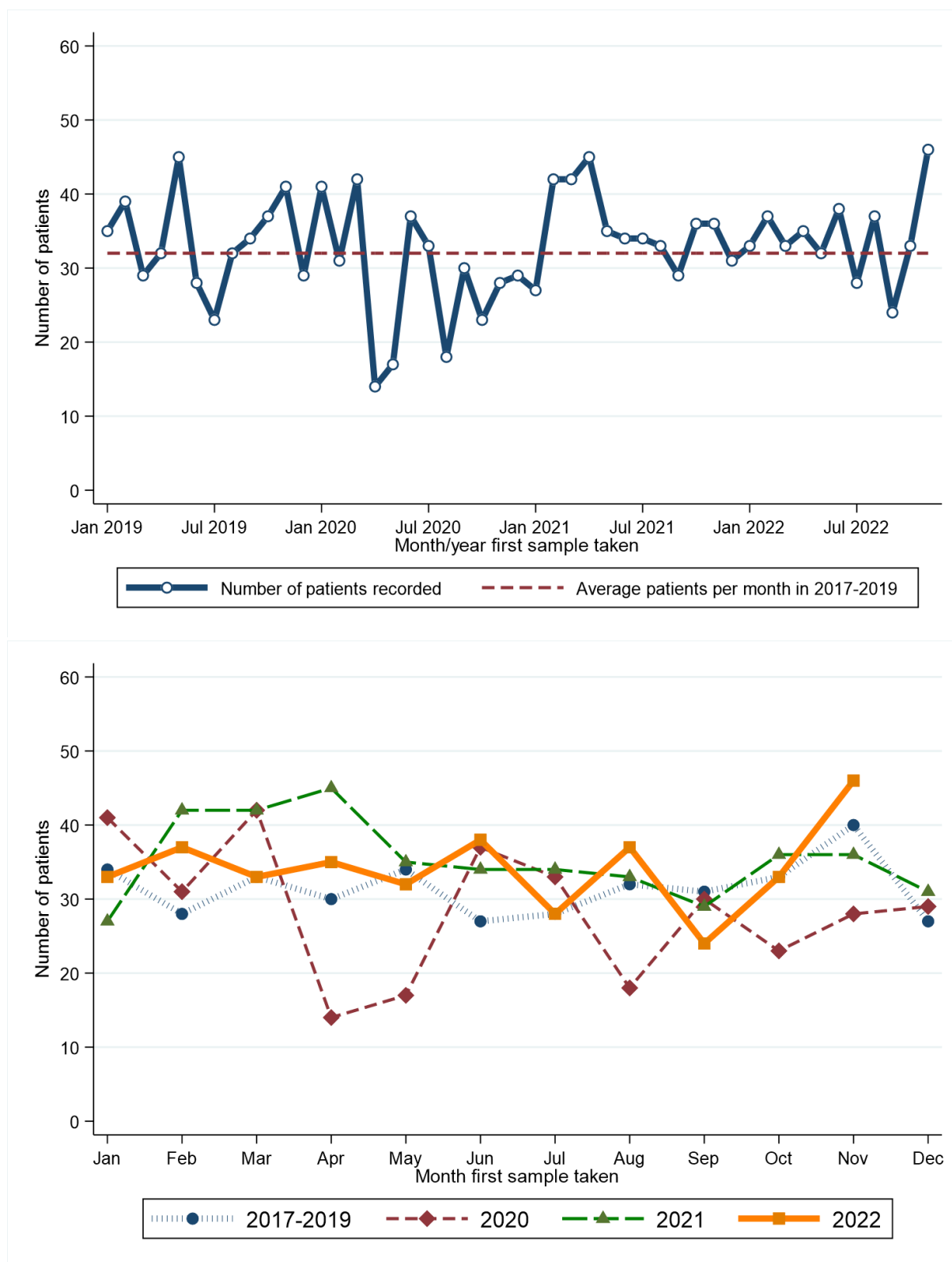
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# BOWEL CANCER (SCREENING AGE)

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**+2.8%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 34         | 41   | 27   | 33   |
| Feb                        | 28         | 31   | 42   | 37   |
| Mar                        | 33         | 42   | 42   | 33   |
| Apr                        | 30         | 14   | 45   | 35   |
| May                        | 34         | 17   | 35   | 32   |
| Jun                        | 27         | 37   | 34   | 38   |

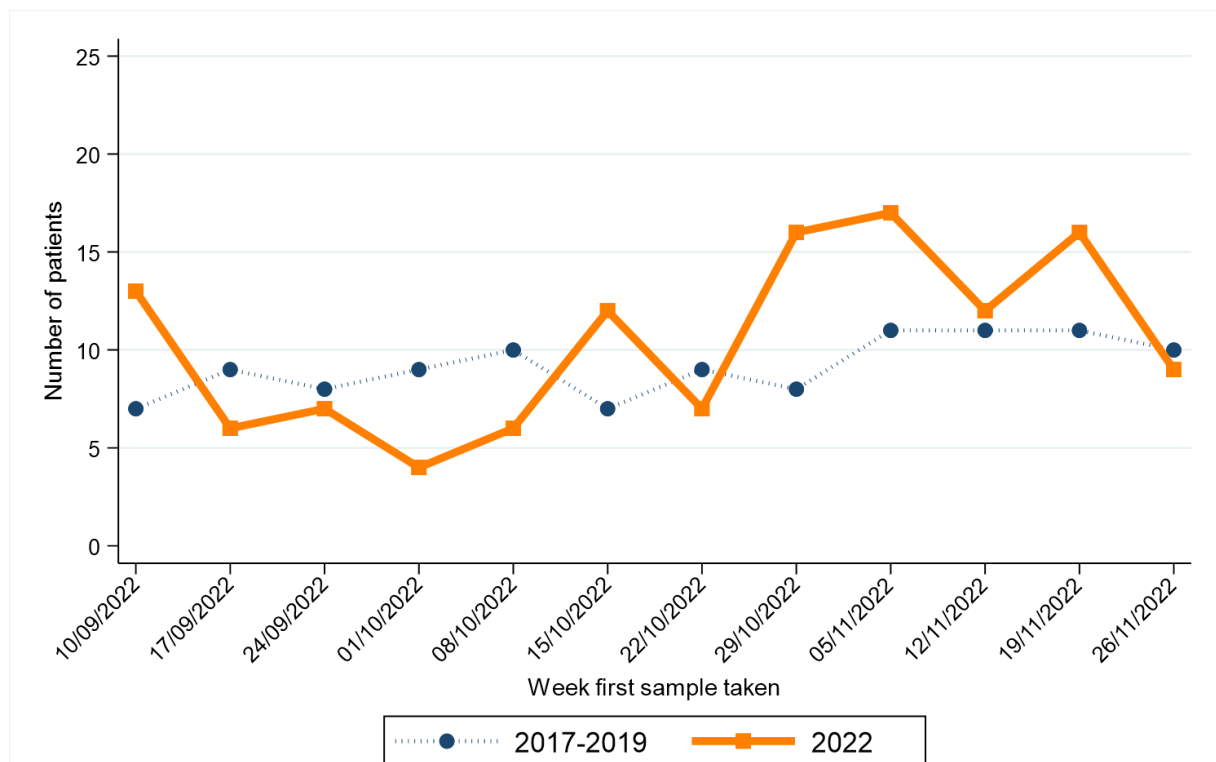
\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 28         | 33   | 34   | 28   |
| Aug                        | 32         | 18   | 33   | 37   |
| Sep                        | 31         | 30   | 29   | 24   |
| Oct                        | 33         | 23   | 36   | 33   |
| Nov                        | 40         | 28   | 36   | 46   |
| Dec                        | 27         | 29   | 31   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+13.6%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
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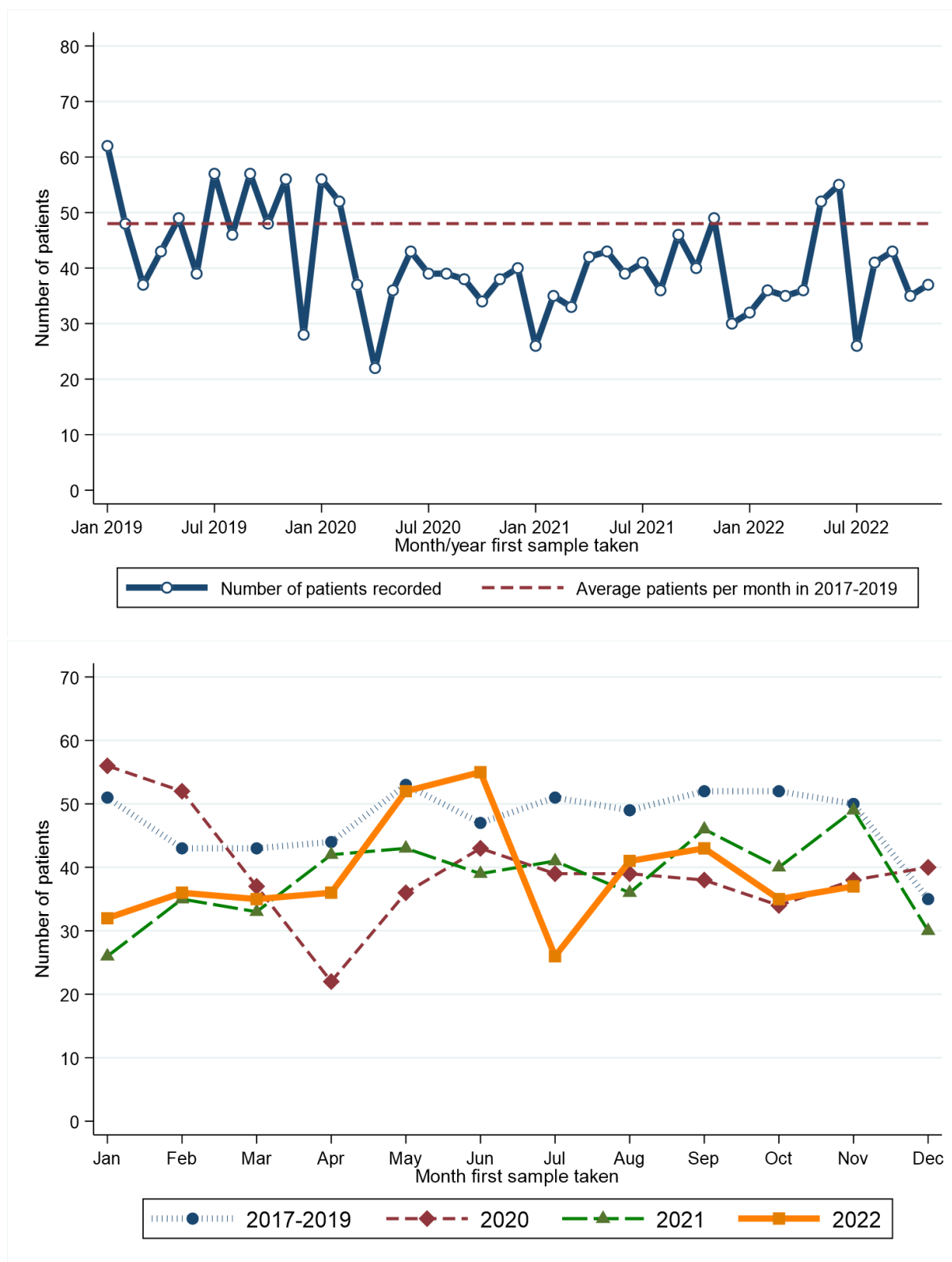
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# LUNG CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-20.7%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 51         | 56   | 26   | 32   |
| Feb                        | 43         | 52   | 35   | 36   |
| Mar                        | 43         | 37   | 33   | 35   |
| Apr                        | 44         | 22   | 42   | 36   |
| May                        | 53         | 36   | 43   | 52   |
| Jun                        | 47         | 43   | 39   | 55   |

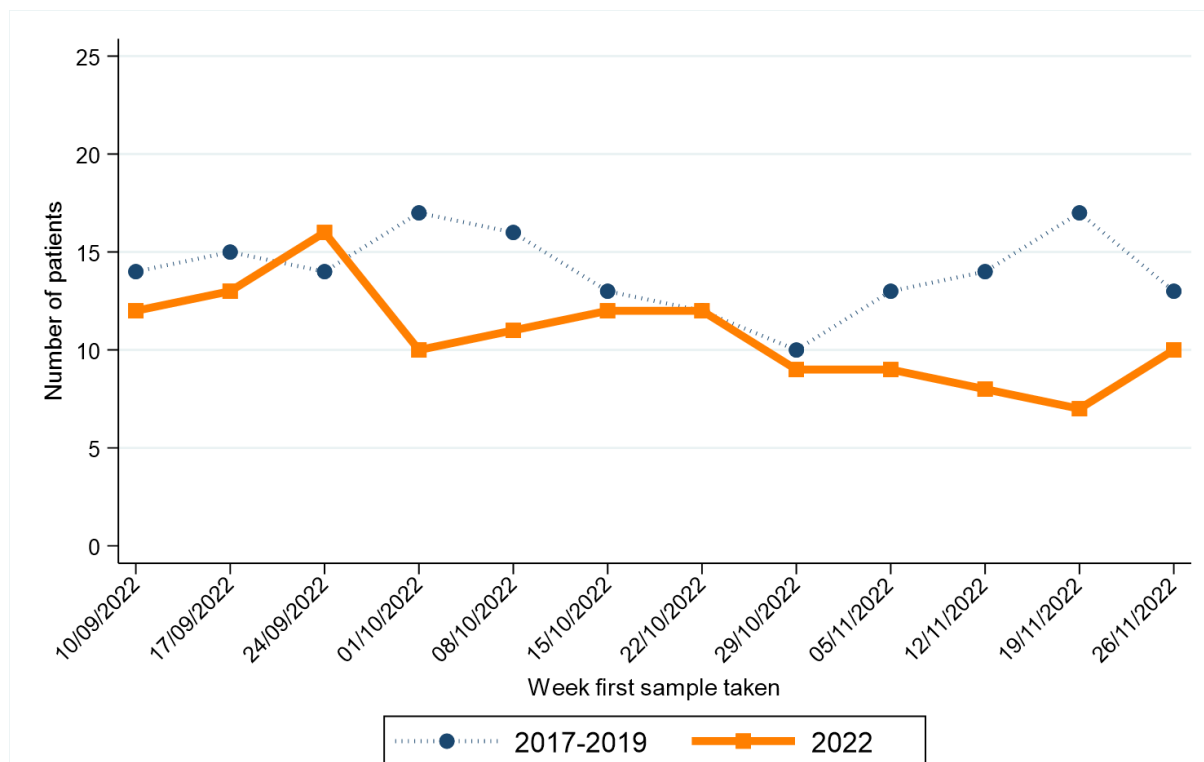
\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 51         | 39   | 41   | 26   |
| Aug                        | 49         | 39   | 36   | 41   |
| Sep                        | 52         | 38   | 46   | 43   |
| Oct                        | 52         | 34   | 40   | 35   |
| Nov                        | 50         | 38   | 49   | 37   |
| Dec                        | 35         | 40   | 30   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**-23.2%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

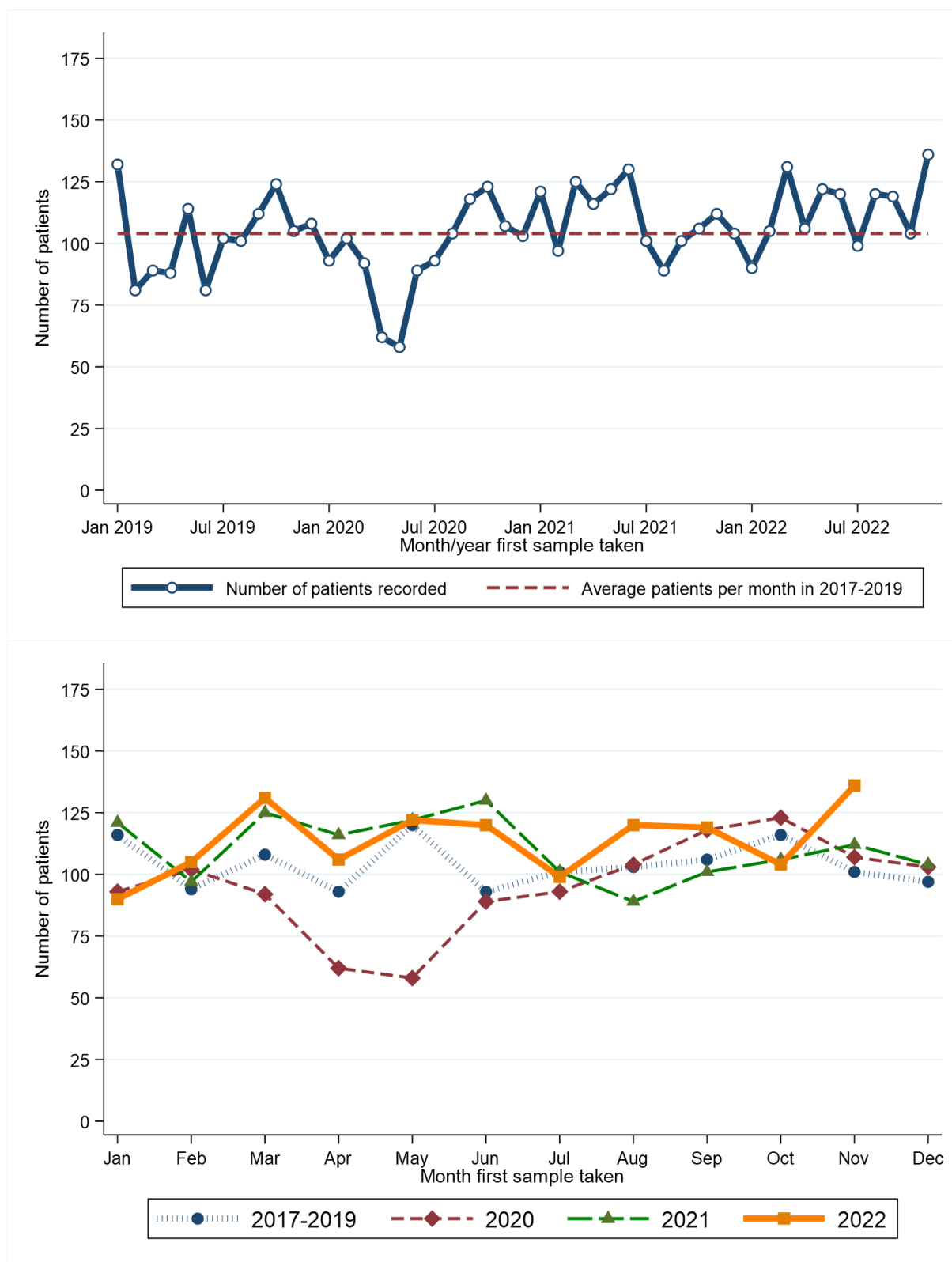
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# FEMALE BREAST CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**+2.6%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 116        | 93   | 121  | 90   |
| Feb                        | 94         | 102  | 97   | 105  |
| Mar                        | 108        | 92   | 125  | 131  |
| Apr                        | 93         | 62   | 116  | 106  |
| May                        | 120        | 58   | 122  | 122  |
| Jun                        | 93         | 89   | 130  | 120  |

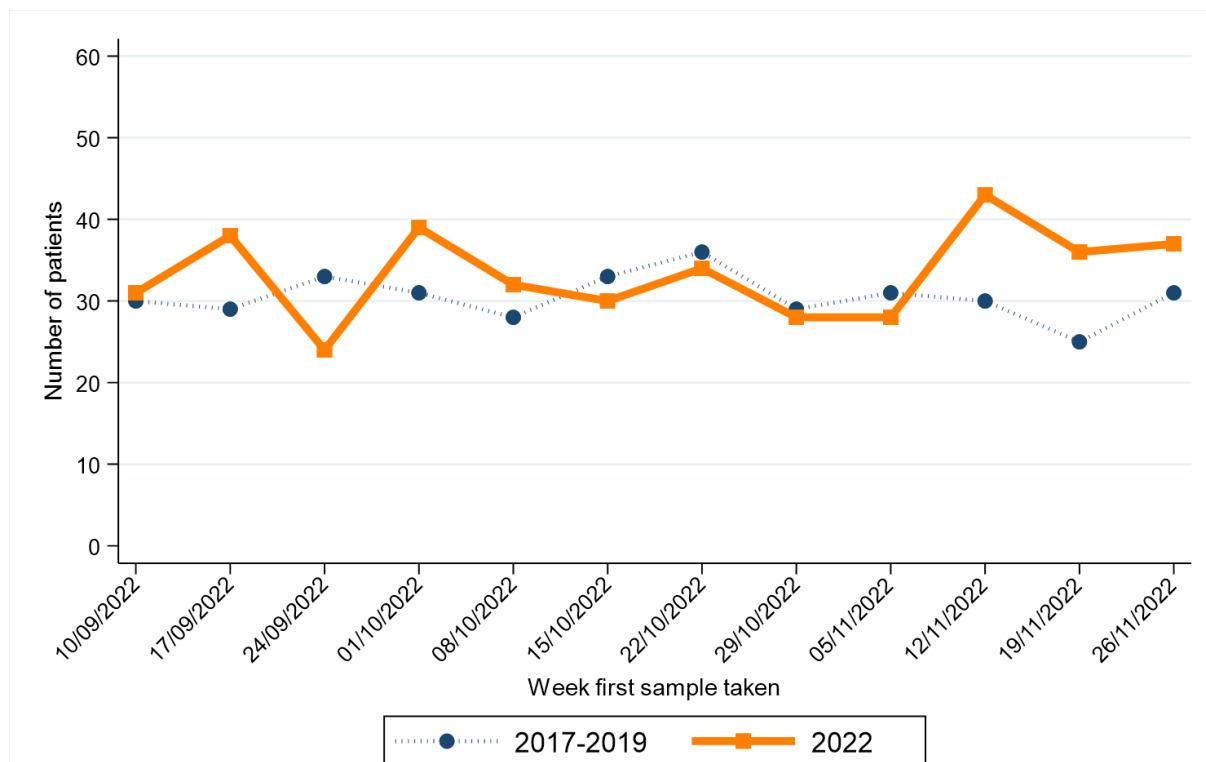
\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 101        | 93   | 101  | 99   |
| Aug                        | 103        | 104  | 89   | 120  |
| Sep                        | 106        | 118  | 101  | 119  |
| Oct                        | 116        | 123  | 106  | 104  |
| Nov                        | 101        | 107  | 112  | 136  |
| Dec                        | 97         | 103  | 104  | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+9.3%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* 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.

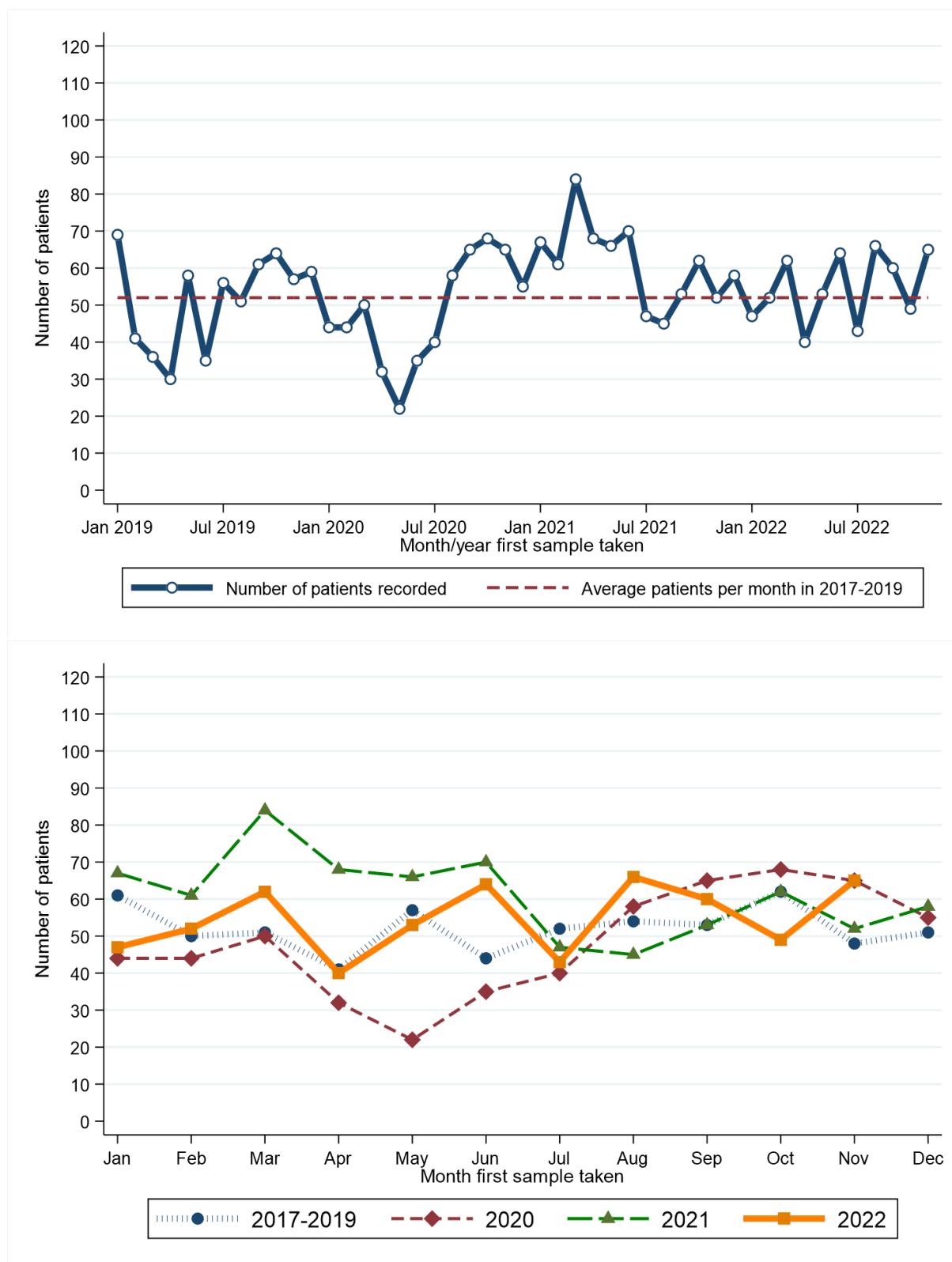


# FEMALE BREAST CANCER (SCREENING AGE)

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**+6.7%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 61         | 44   | 67   | 47   |
| Feb                        | 50         | 44   | 61   | 52   |
| Mar                        | 51         | 50   | 84   | 62   |
| Apr                        | 41         | 32   | 68   | 40   |
| May                        | 57         | 22   | 66   | 53   |
| Jun                        | 44         | 35   | 70   | 64   |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 52         | 40   | 47   | 43   |
| Aug                        | 54         | 58   | 45   | 66   |
| Sep                        | 53         | 65   | 53   | 60   |
| Oct                        | 62         | 68   | 62   | 49   |
| Nov                        | 48         | 65   | 52   | 65   |
| Dec                        | 51         | 55   | 58   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+3.6%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

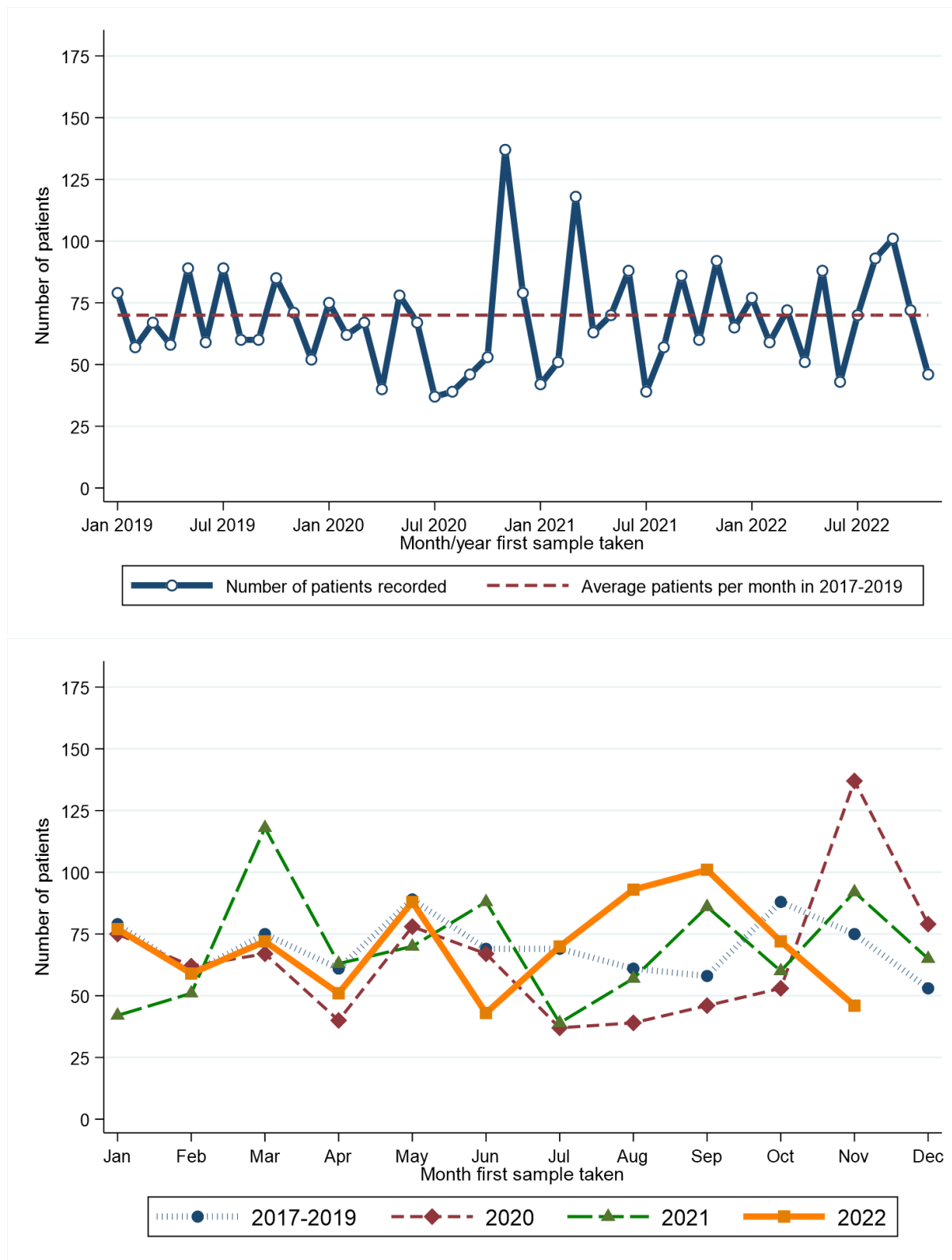
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# PROSTATE CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-3.1%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 79         | 75   | 42   | 77   |
| Feb                        | 59         | 62   | 51   | 59   |
| Mar                        | 75         | 67   | 118  | 72   |
| Apr                        | 61         | 40   | 63   | 51   |
| May                        | 89         | 78   | 70   | 88   |
| Jun                        | 69         | 67   | 88   | 43   |

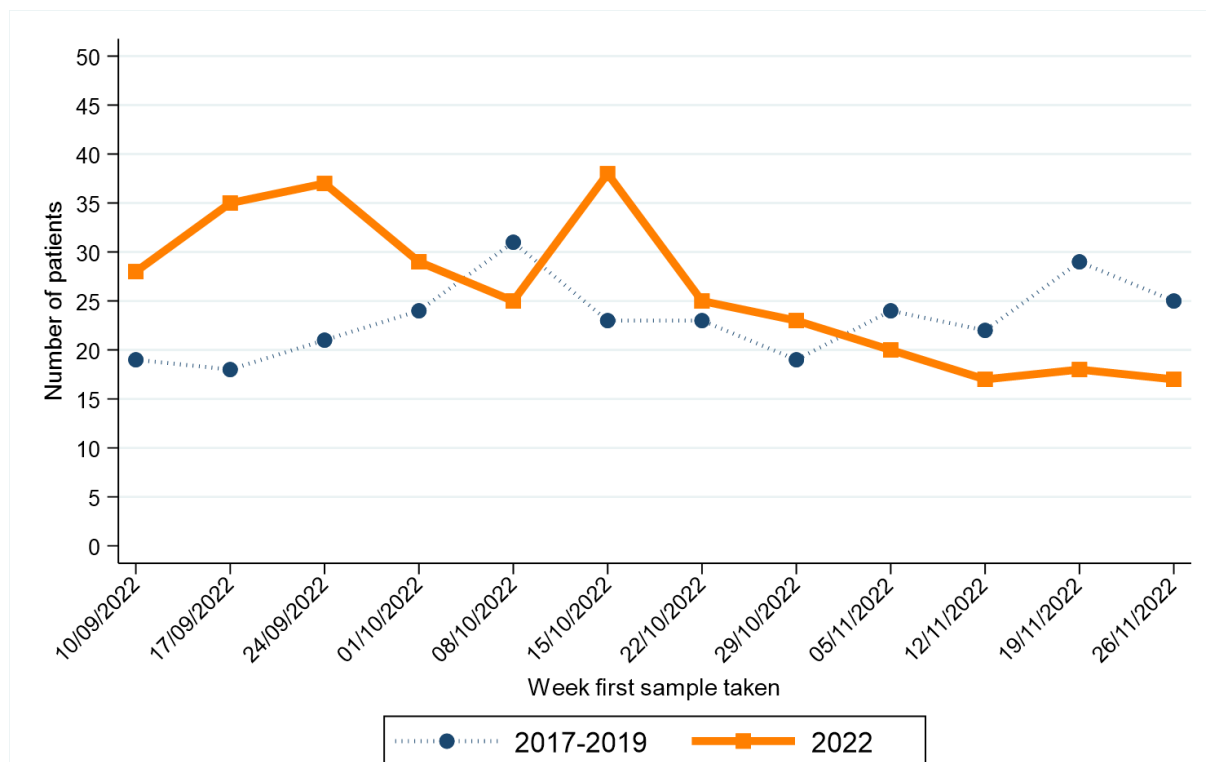
\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 69         | 37   | 39   | 70   |
| Aug                        | 61         | 39   | 57   | 93   |
| Sep                        | 58         | 46   | 86   | 101  |
| Oct                        | 88         | 53   | 60   | 72   |
| Nov                        | 75         | 137  | 92   | 46   |
| Dec                        | 53         | 79   | 65   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+12.2%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

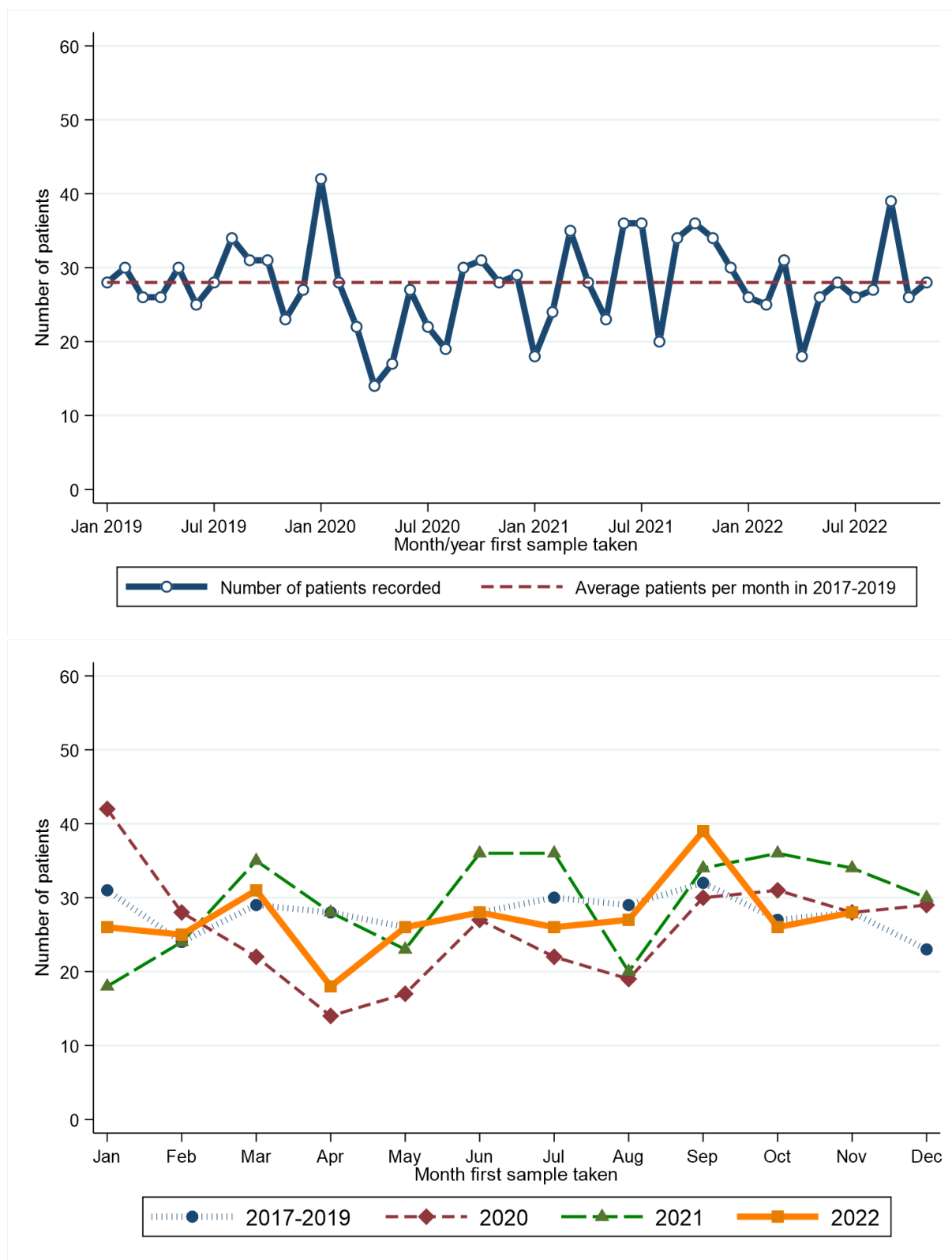
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# UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-3.7%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 31         | 42   | 18   | 26   |
| Feb                        | 24         | 28   | 24   | 25   |
| Mar                        | 29         | 22   | 35   | 31   |
| Apr                        | 28         | 14   | 28   | 18   |
| May                        | 26         | 17   | 23   | 26   |
| Jun                        | 28         | 27   | 36   | 28   |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 30         | 22   | 36   | 26   |
| Aug                        | 29         | 19   | 20   | 27   |
| Sep                        | 32         | 30   | 34   | 39   |
| Oct                        | 27         | 31   | 36   | 26   |
| Nov                        | 28         | 28   | 34   | 28   |
| Dec                        | 23         | 29   | 30   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+15.4%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

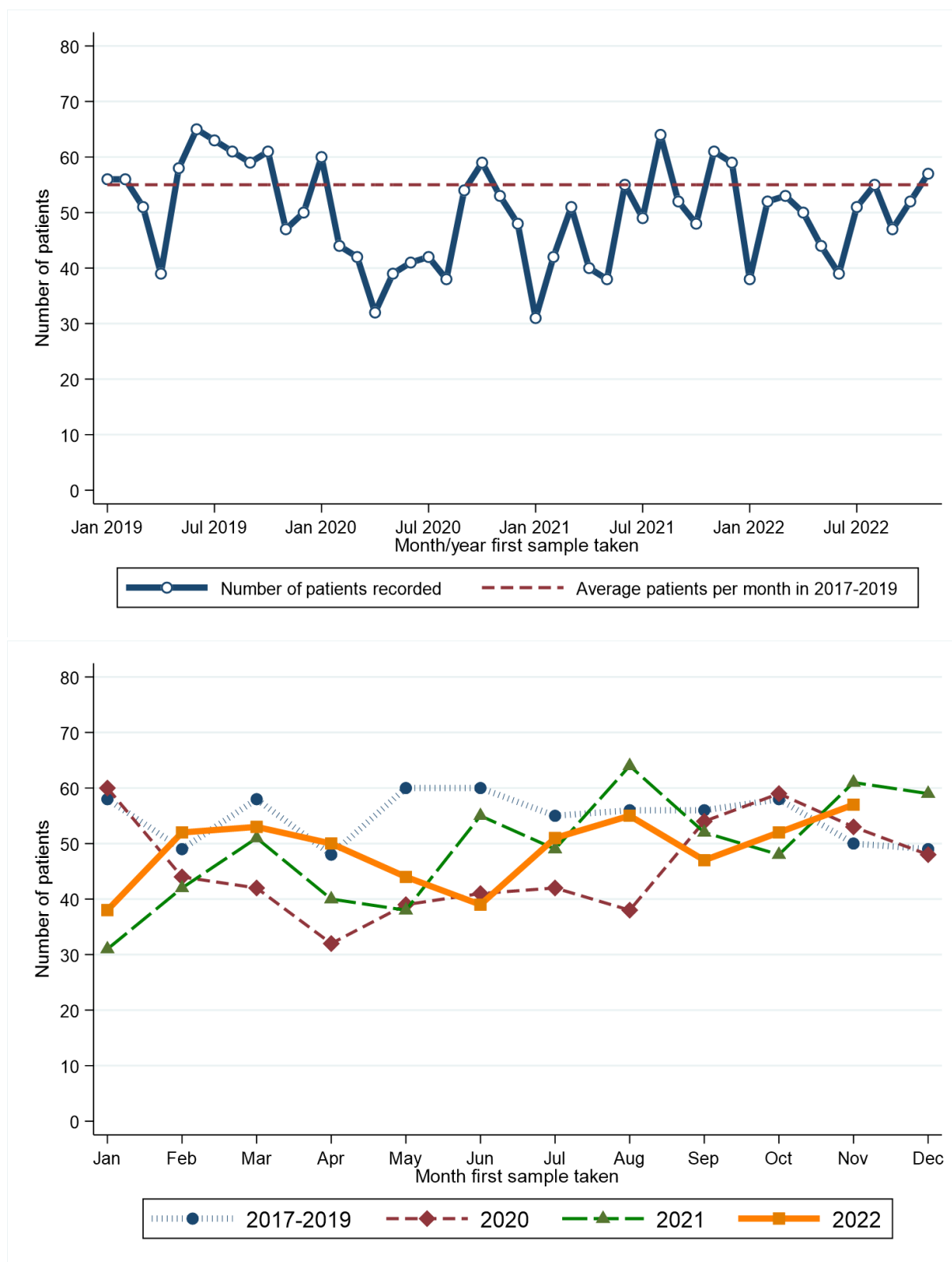
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# GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-13.2%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 58         | 60   | 31   | 38   | Jul                        | 55         | 42   | 49   | 51   |
| Feb                        | 49         | 44   | 42   | 52   | Aug                        | 56         | 38   | 64   | 55   |
| Mar                        | 58         | 42   | 51   | 53   | Sep                        | 56         | 54   | 52   | 47   |
| Apr                        | 48         | 32   | 40   | 50   | Oct                        | 58         | 59   | 48   | 52   |
| May                        | 60         | 39   | 38   | 44   | Nov                        | 50         | 53   | 61   | 57   |
| Jun                        | 60         | 41   | 55   | 39   | Dec                        | 49         | 48   | 59   | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### **CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 BY DETAILED CANCER TYPE - Excluding Altnagelvin**



| Cancer type                 | Number of patients (March 2020 to November 2022) |                 |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                             | Expected number*                                 | Recorded number |
| Cervical cancer             | 363  | 304             |
| Uterine cancer              | 877  | 745             |
| Ovarian cancer              | 616  | 529             |
| Other gynaecological cancer | 185  | 181             |

\* Based upon average monthly number of patients from 2017-2019.



## RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**-1.2%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

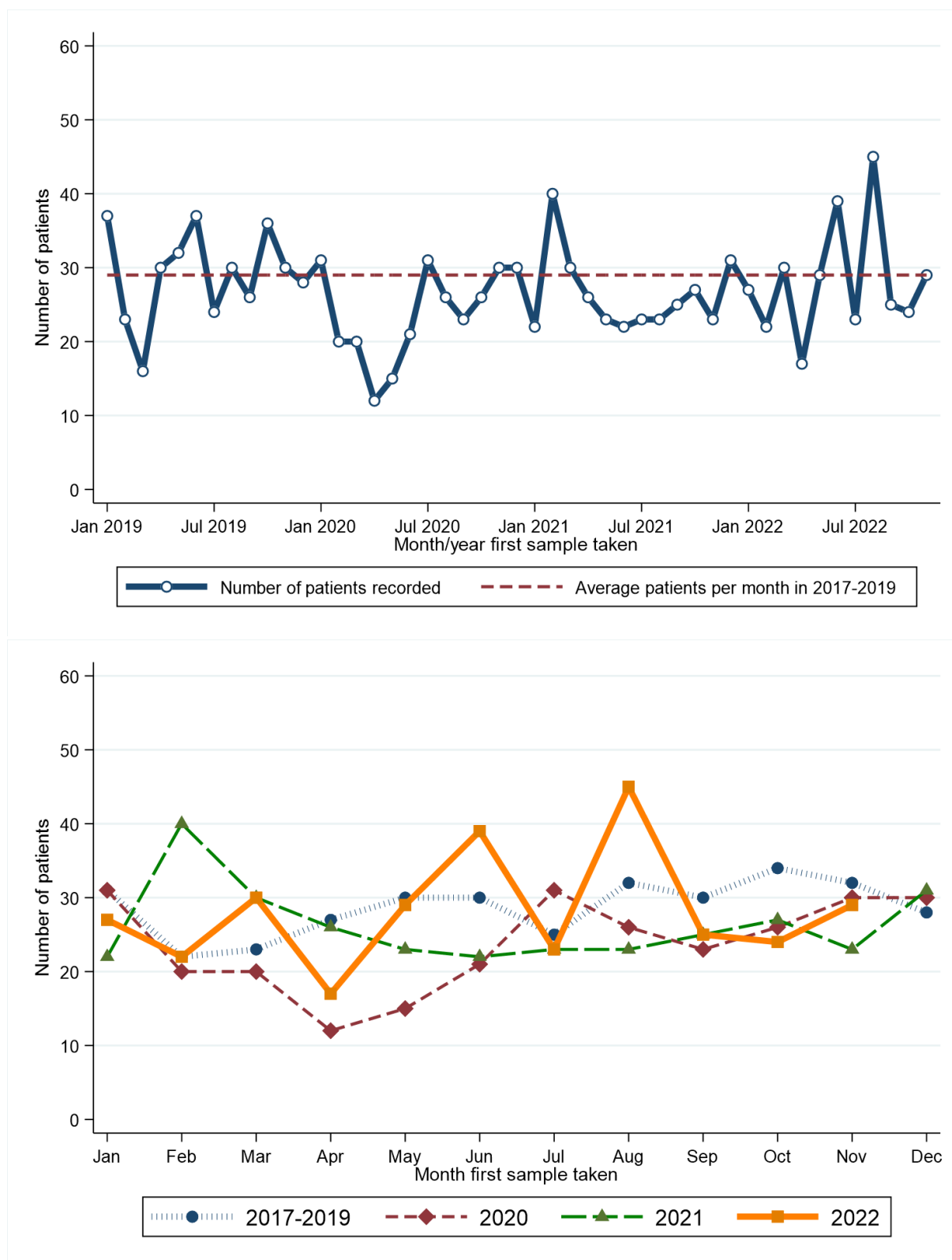
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# HEAD AND NECK CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-9.7%**



| 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   | 23   |
| Feb                        | 22         | 20   | 40   | 22   | Aug                        | 32         | 26   | 23   | 45   |
| Mar                        | 23         | 20   | 30   | 30   | Sep                        | 30         | 23   | 25   | 25   |
| Apr                        | 27         | 12   | 26   | 17   | Oct                        | 34         | 26   | 27   | 24   |
| May                        | 30         | 15   | 23   | 29   | Nov                        | 32         | 30   | 23   | 29   |
| Jun                        | 30         | 21   | 22   | 39   | Dec                        | 28         | 30   | 31   | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**-18.7%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 | Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  | 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  | 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  | 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  | 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  | 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  | 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

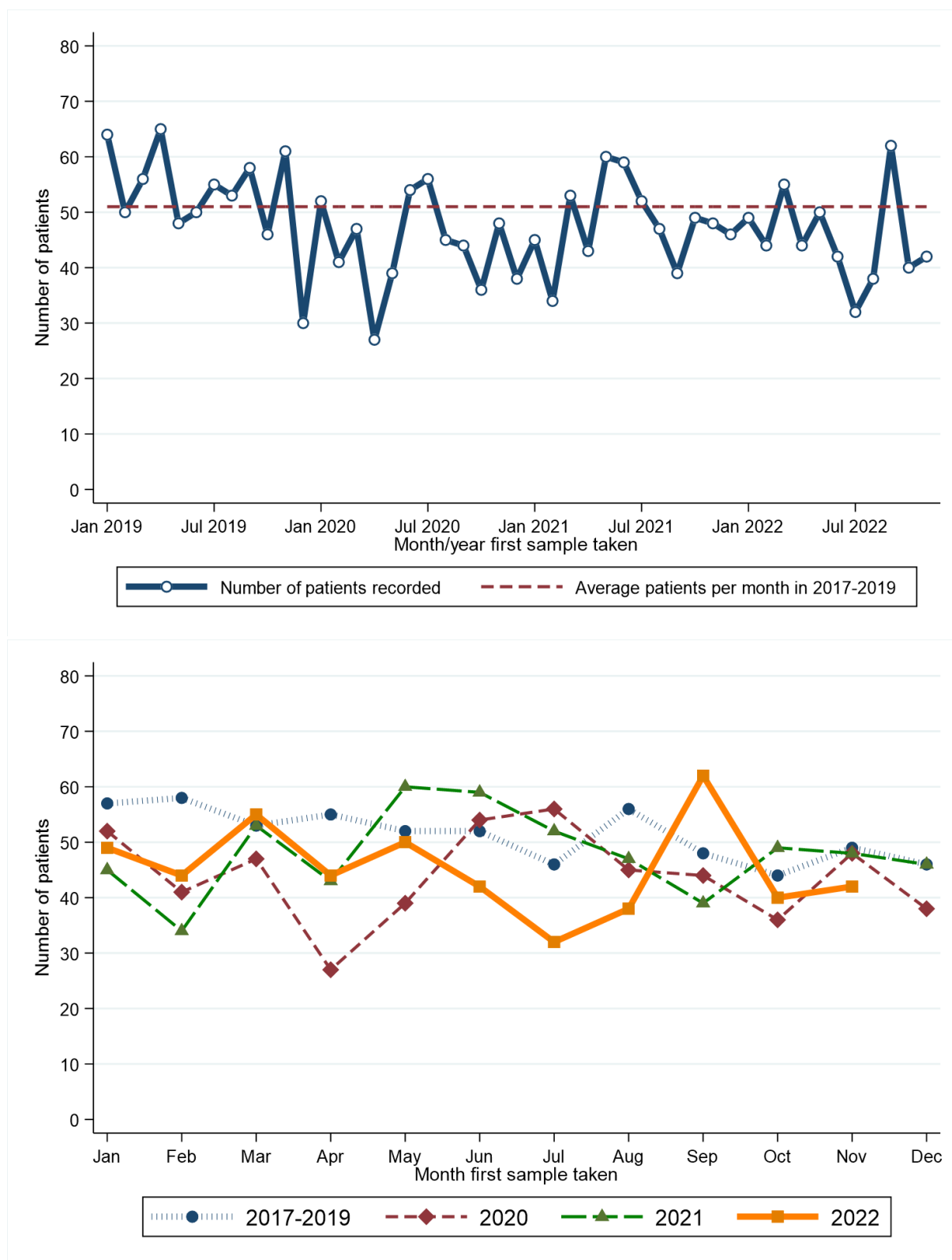
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# URINARY CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-10.7%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 57         | 52   | 45   | 49   |
| Feb                        | 58         | 41   | 34   | 44   |
| Mar                        | 53         | 47   | 53   | 55   |
| Apr                        | 55         | 27   | 43   | 44   |
| May                        | 52         | 39   | 60   | 50   |
| Jun                        | 52         | 54   | 59   | 42   |

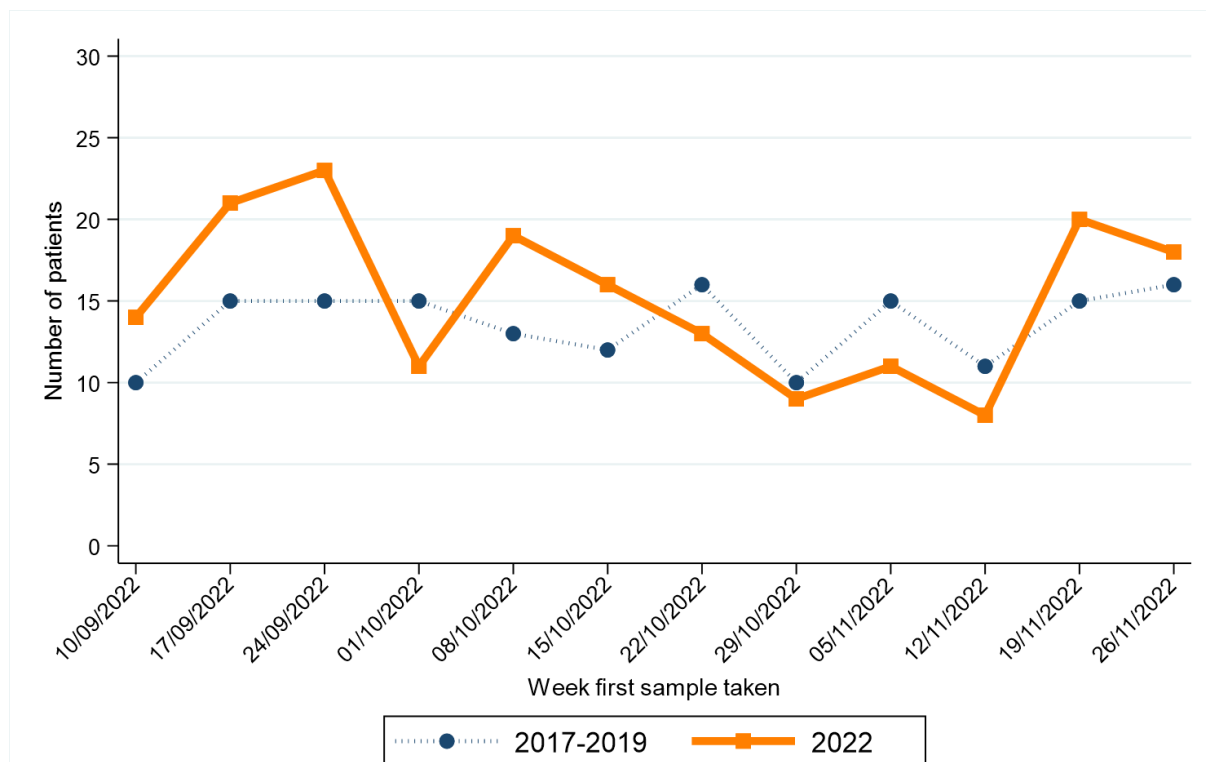
\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 46         | 56   | 52   | 32   |
| Aug                        | 56         | 45   | 47   | 38   |
| Sep                        | 48         | 44   | 39   | 62   |
| Oct                        | 44         | 36   | 49   | 40   |
| Nov                        | 49         | 48   | 48   | 42   |
| Dec                        | 46         | 38   | 46   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+12.3%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

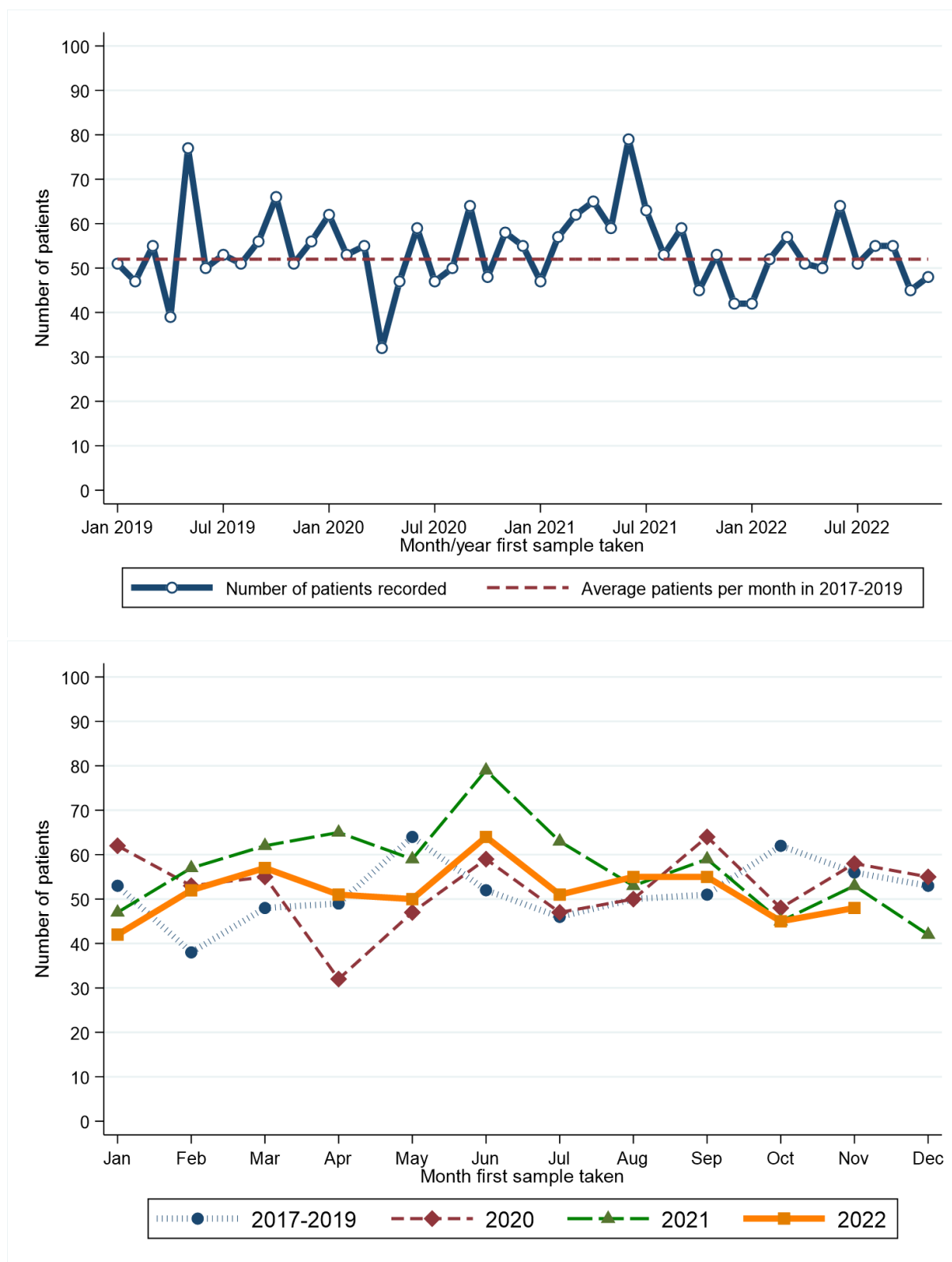
\*\* Date shown refers to the end date of the week in 2022. Data for previous years refers to the equivalent Sat-Sun week in those years.

# HAEMATOLOGICAL CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

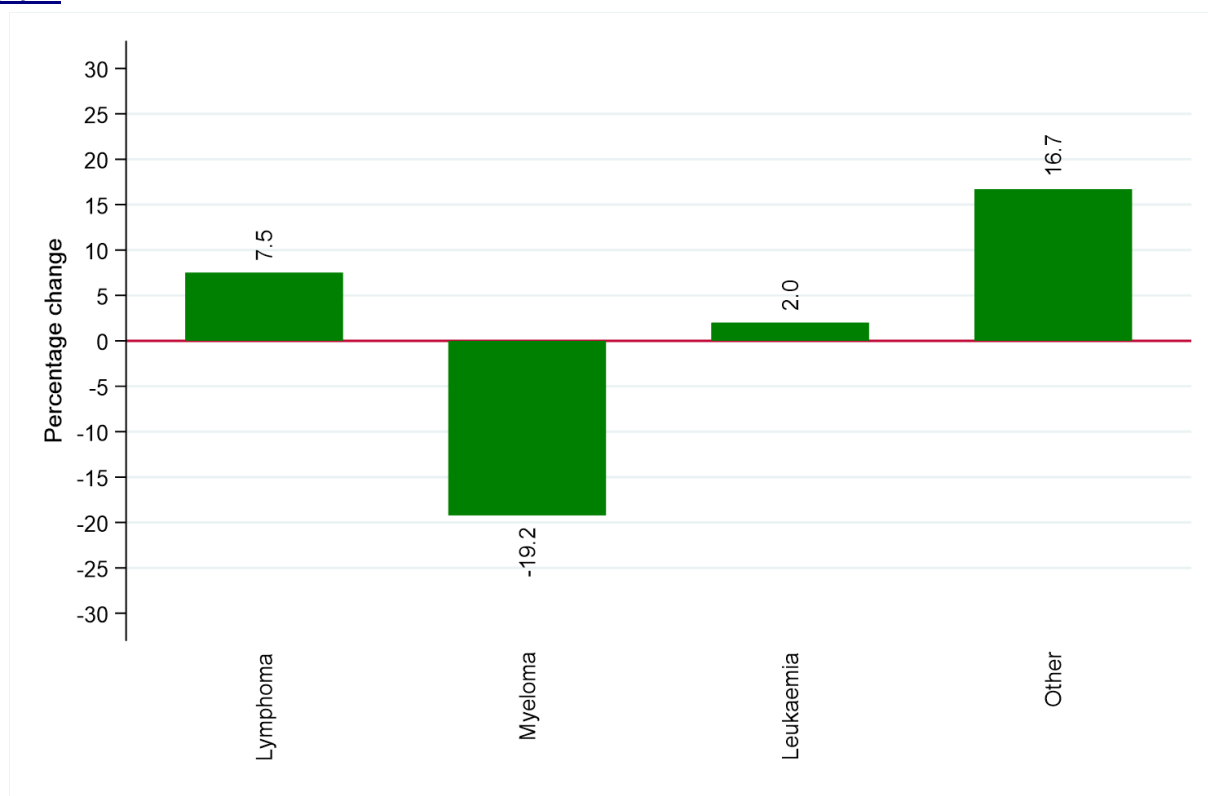
**+2.7%**



| 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   | 51   |
| Feb                        | 38         | 53   | 57   | 52   | Aug                        | 50         | 50   | 53   | 55   |
| Mar                        | 48         | 55   | 62   | 57   | Sep                        | 51         | 64   | 59   | 55   |
| Apr                        | 49         | 32   | 65   | 51   | Oct                        | 62         | 48   | 45   | 45   |
| May                        | 64         | 47   | 59   | 50   | Nov                        | 56         | 58   | 53   | 48   |
| Jun                        | 52         | 59   | 79   | 64   | Dec                        | 53         | 55   | 42   | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### **CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 BY DETAILED CANCER TYPE - Excluding Altnagelvin**



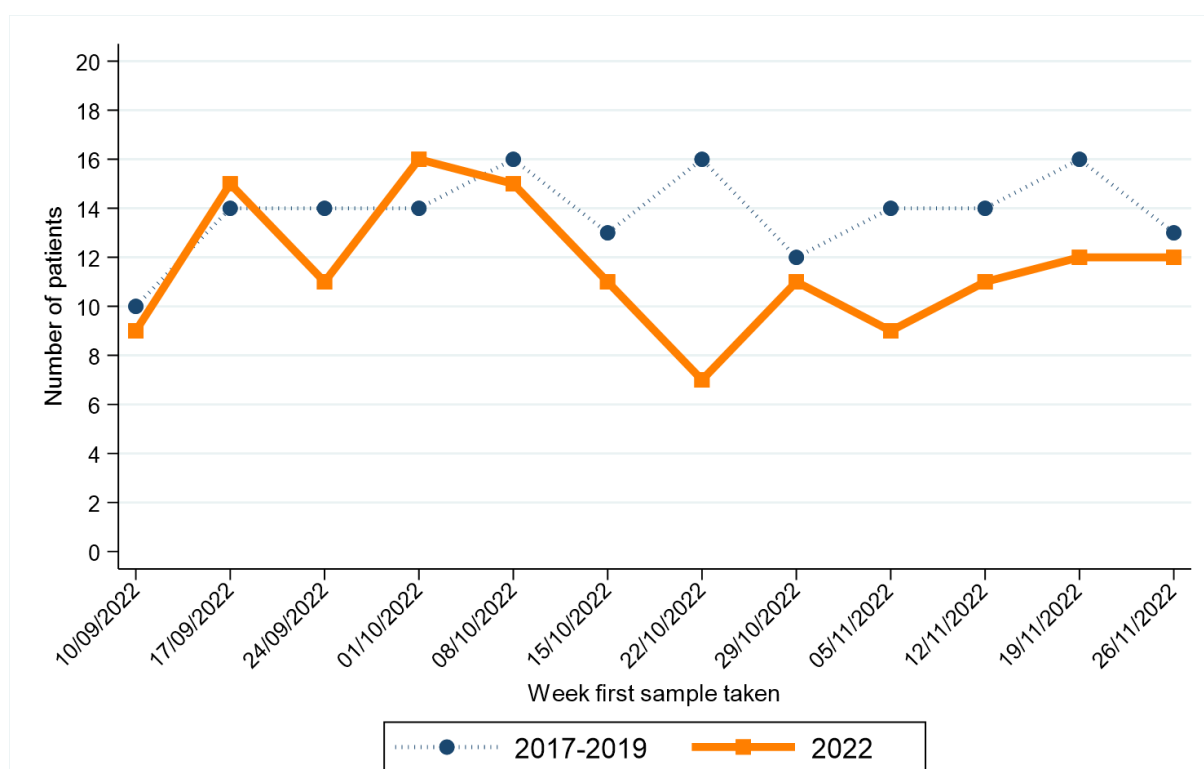
| Cancer type                 | Number of patients (March 2020 to November 2022) |                 |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                             | Expected number*                                 | Recorded number |
| Lymphoma                    | 1,307  | 1,405           |
| Myeloma                     | 255  | 206             |
| Leukaemia                   | 148  | 151             |
| Other haematological cancer | 24   | 28              |

\* Based upon average monthly number of patients from 2017-2019.

## RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**-16.3%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* 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.

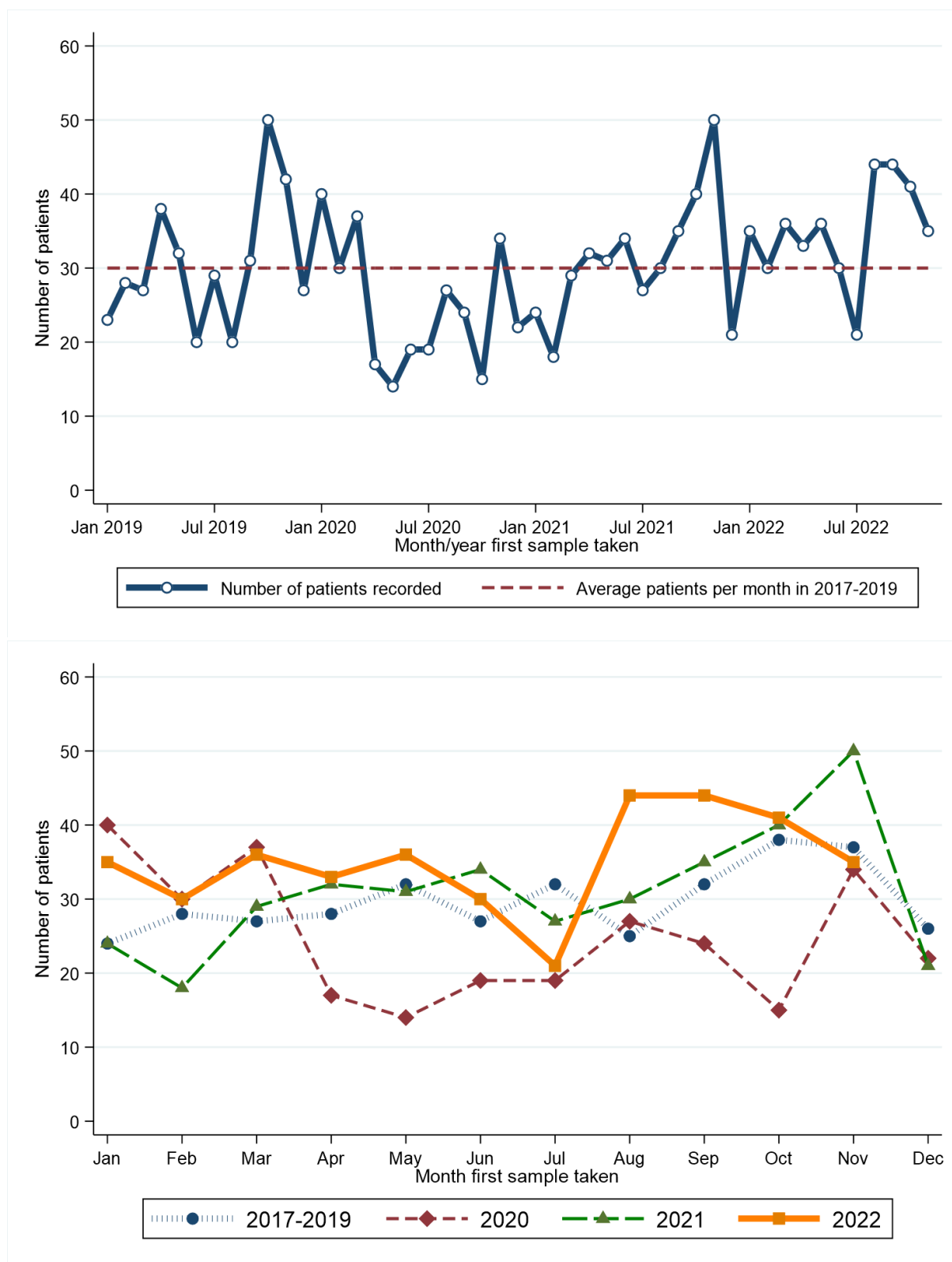


# MELANOMA

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-0.6%**



| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 24         | 40   | 24   | 35   |
| Feb                        | 28         | 30   | 18   | 30   |
| Mar                        | 27         | 37   | 29   | 36   |
| Apr                        | 28         | 17   | 32   | 33   |
| May                        | 32         | 14   | 31   | 36   |
| Jun                        | 27         | 19   | 34   | 30   |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jul                        | 32         | 19   | 27   | 21   |
| Aug                        | 25         | 27   | 30   | 44   |
| Sep                        | 32         | 24   | 35   | 44   |
| Oct                        | 38         | 15   | 40   | 41   |
| Nov                        | 37         | 34   | 50   | 35   |
| Dec                        | 26         | 22   | 21   | .    |

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+14.4%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  |

| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

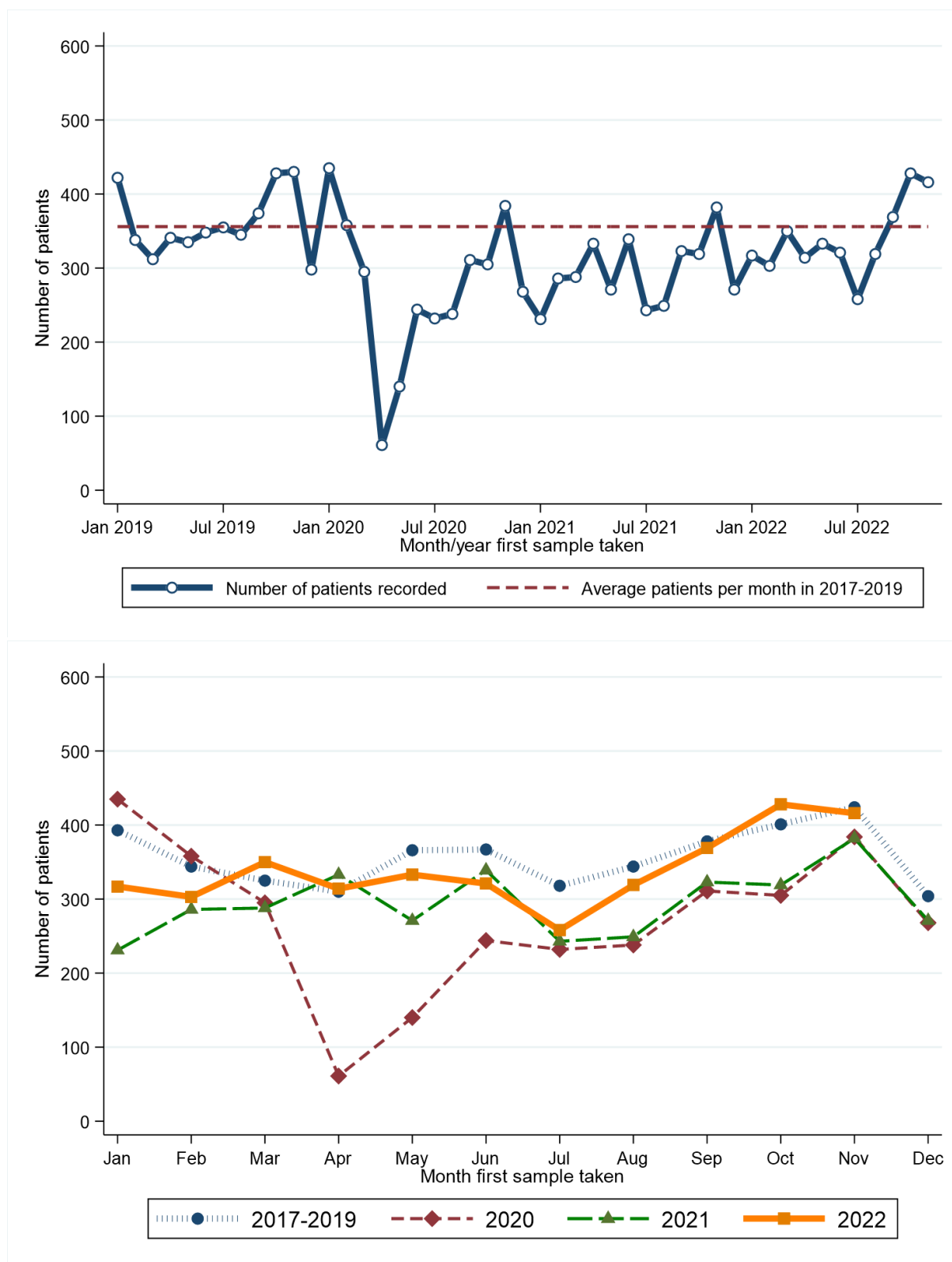
\*\* Date shown refers to the end date of the week in 2022. Data for previous years refers to the equivalent Sat-Sun week in those years.

# NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**-17.3%**



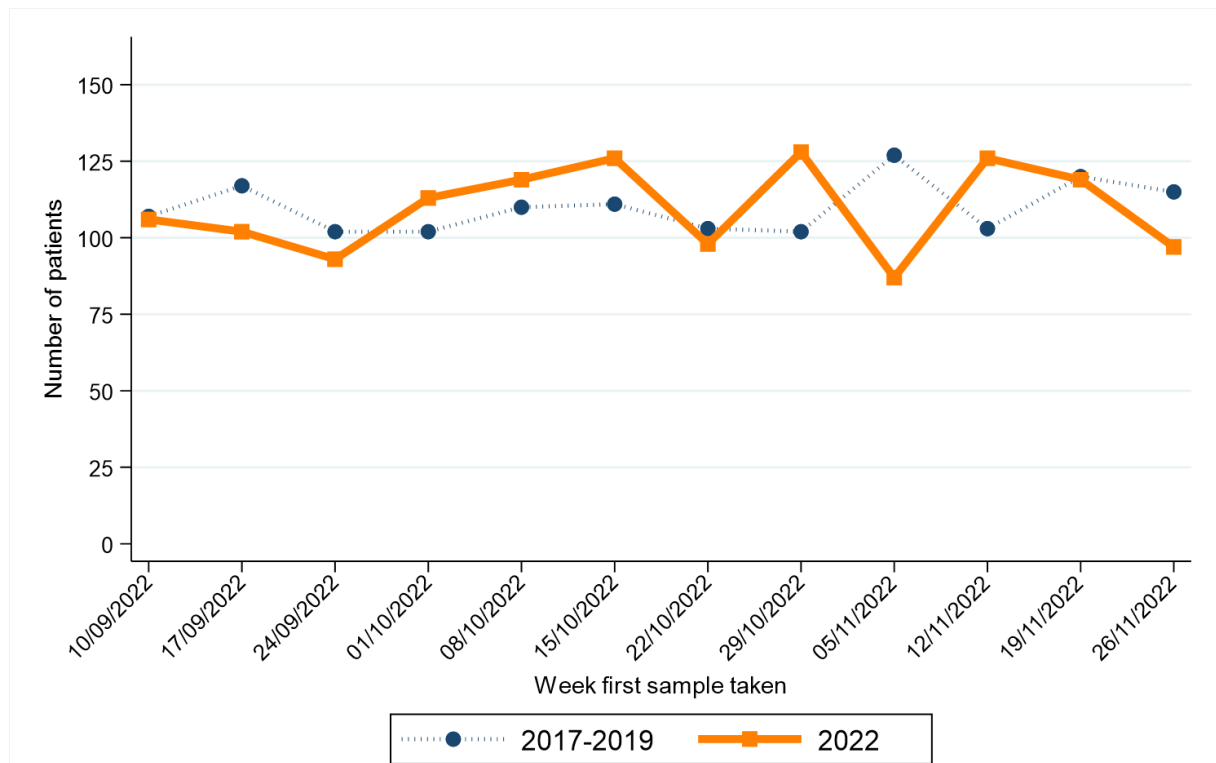
| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 393        | 435  | 231  | 317  | Jul                        | 318        | 232  | 243  | 258  |
| Feb                        | 344        | 358  | 286  | 303  | Aug                        | 344        | 238  | 249  | 319  |
| Mar                        | 325        | 295  | 288  | 350  | Sep                        | 378        | 311  | 323  | 369  |
| Apr                        | 310        | 61   | 333  | 314  | Oct                        | 401        | 305  | 319  | 428  |
| May                        | 366        | 140  | 271  | 333  | Nov                        | 424        | 384  | 382  | 416  |
| Jun                        | 367        | 244  | 339  | 321  | Dec                        | 304        | 268  | 271  | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### **RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin**

**Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 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 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  | 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  | 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  | 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  | 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  | 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  | 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

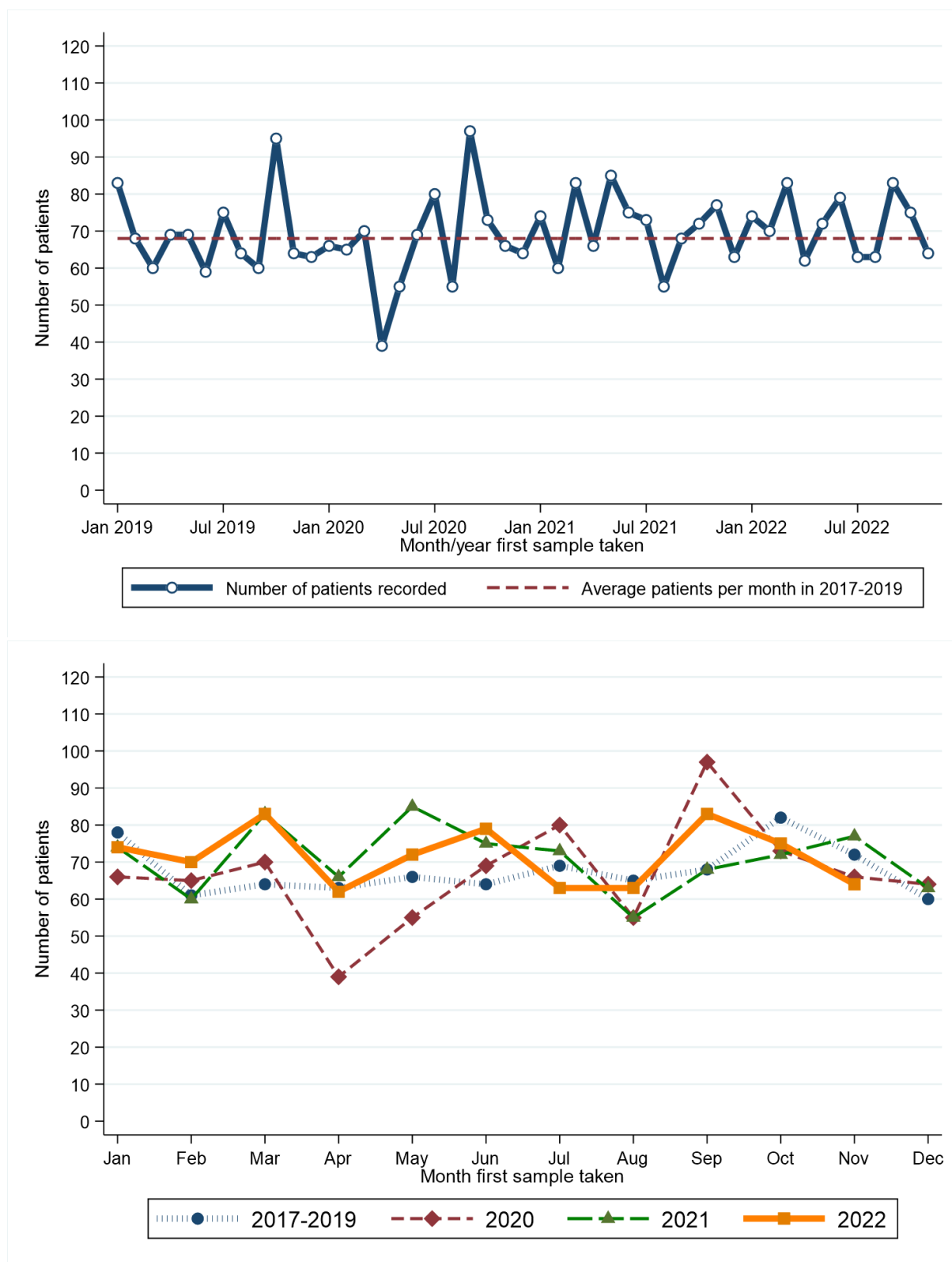
\*\* Date shown refers to the end date of the week in 2022. Data for previous years refers to the equivalent Sat-Sun week in those years.

# OTHER CANCER

## CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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

**+3.1%**



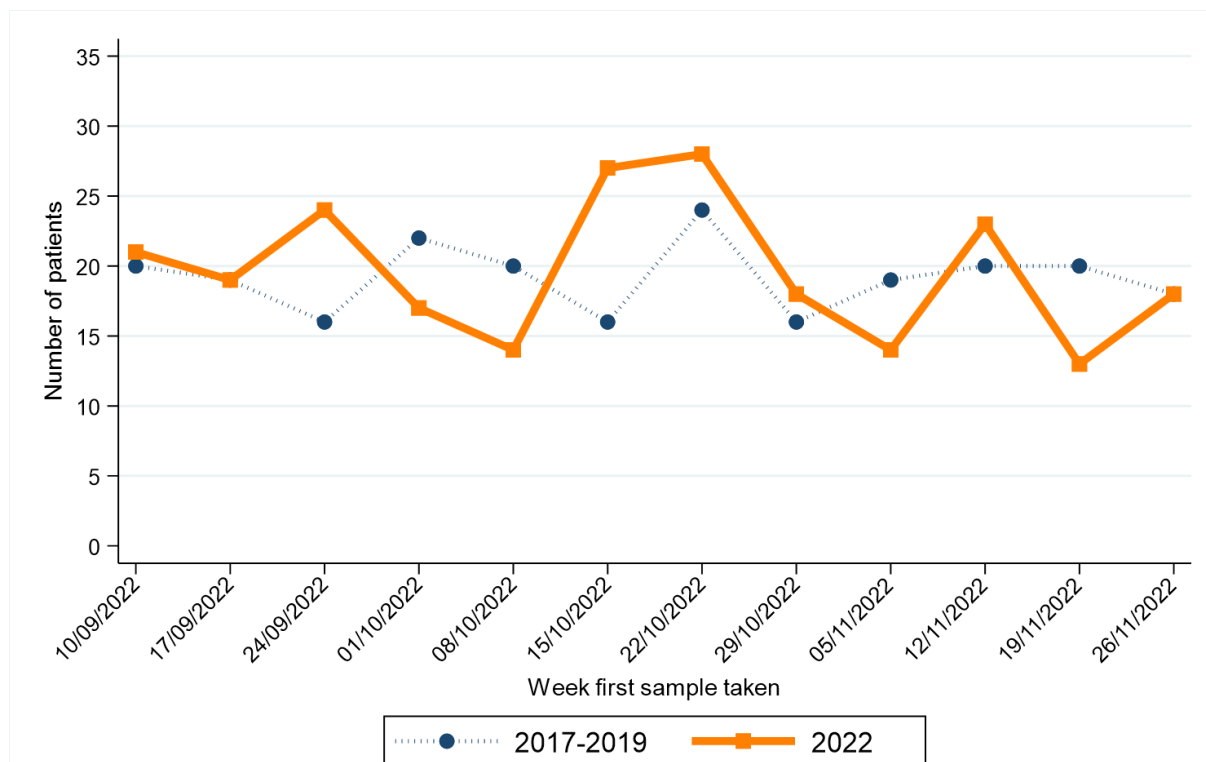
| Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Month first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Jan                        | 78         | 66   | 74   | 74   | Jul                        | 69         | 80   | 73   | 63   |
| Feb                        | 61         | 65   | 60   | 70   | Aug                        | 65         | 55   | 55   | 63   |
| Mar                        | 64         | 70   | 83   | 83   | Sep                        | 68         | 97   | 68   | 83   |
| Apr                        | 63         | 39   | 66   | 62   | Oct                        | 82         | 73   | 72   | 75   |
| May                        | 66         | 55   | 85   | 72   | Nov                        | 72         | 66   | 77   | 64   |
| Jun                        | 64         | 69   | 75   | 79   | Dec                        | 60         | 64   | 63   | .    |

\* Average patients per year rounded to the nearest integer.

### RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PATIENTS - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 26/11/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

**+2.6%**



| Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 | Week first sample taken** | 2017-2019* | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|---------------------------|------------|------|
| 10/09/2022                | 162        | 187  | 22/10/2022                | 183        | 181  |
| 17/09/2022                | 179        | 202  | 29/10/2022                | 149        | 160  |
| 24/09/2022                | 176        | 189  | 05/11/2022                | 176        | 155  |
| 01/10/2022                | 183        | 198  | 12/11/2022                | 176        | 182  |
| 08/10/2022                | 186        | 186  | 19/11/2022                | 185        | 186  |
| 15/10/2022                | 172        | 214  | 26/11/2022                | 175        | 165  |

\* 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.

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 November 2022. Due to potential reporting delays, pathology data from the month following November 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, pancreas, 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.