

Reflections from Northern Ireland

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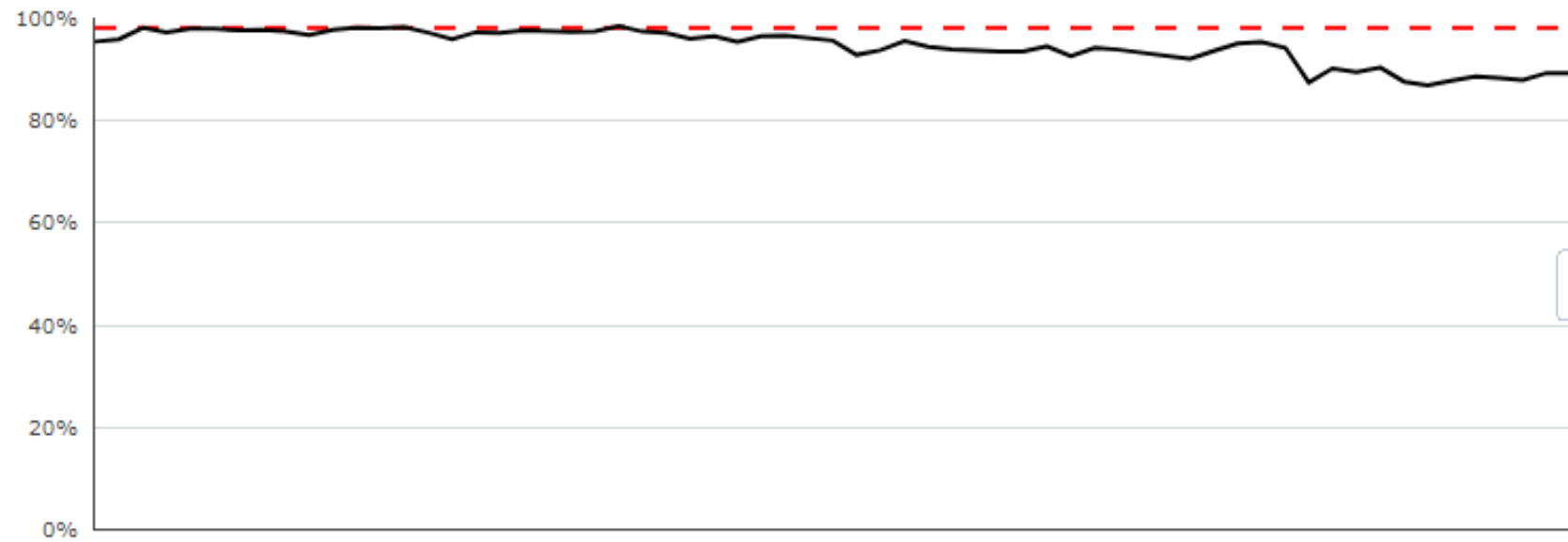
31 and 62 day target

Treatment commencing within **31 days** of decision to treat.

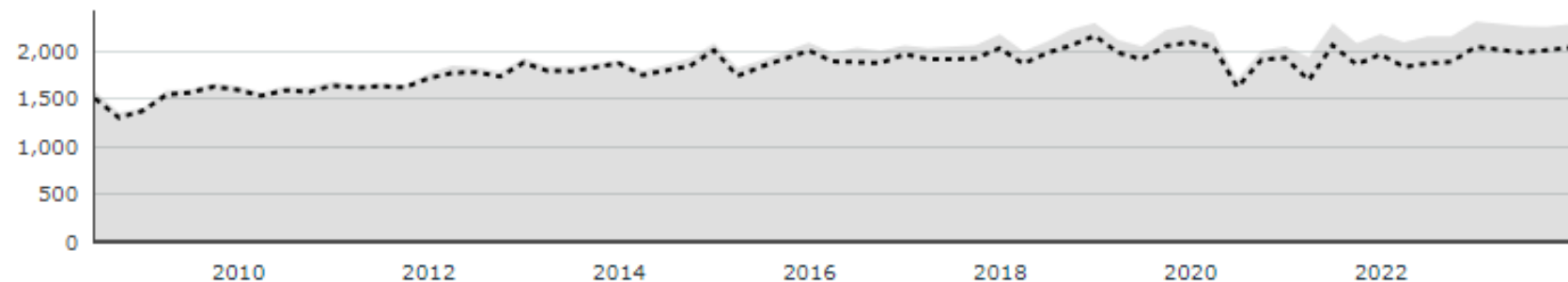
Target: 98%

December 23: 89%

% Within 31 Days



Number Treated



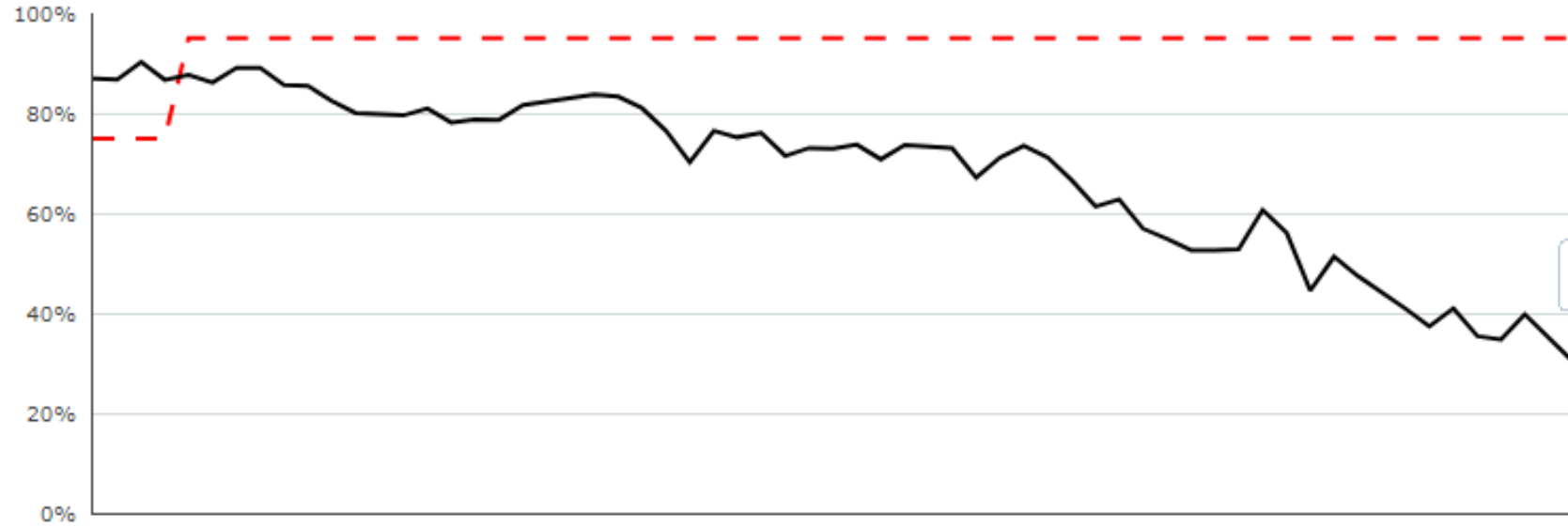
31 and 62 day target

Treatment commencing within **62 days** of GP referral for suspected cancer.

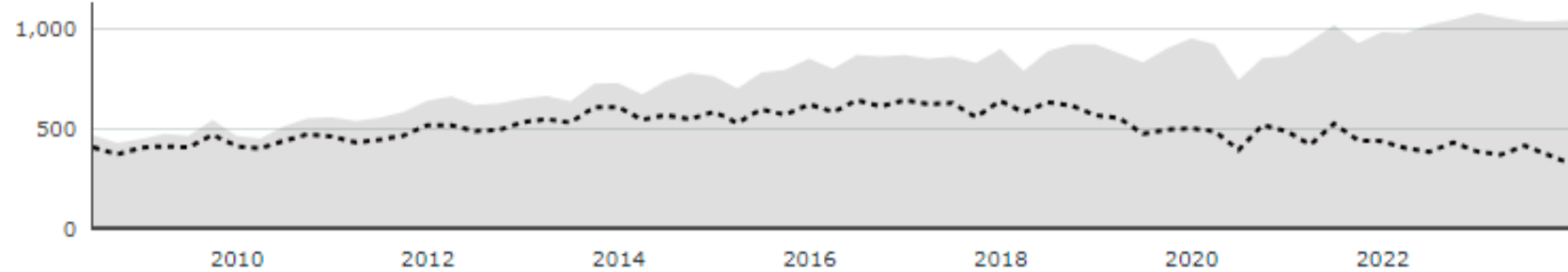
Target: 95%

December 23: 30%

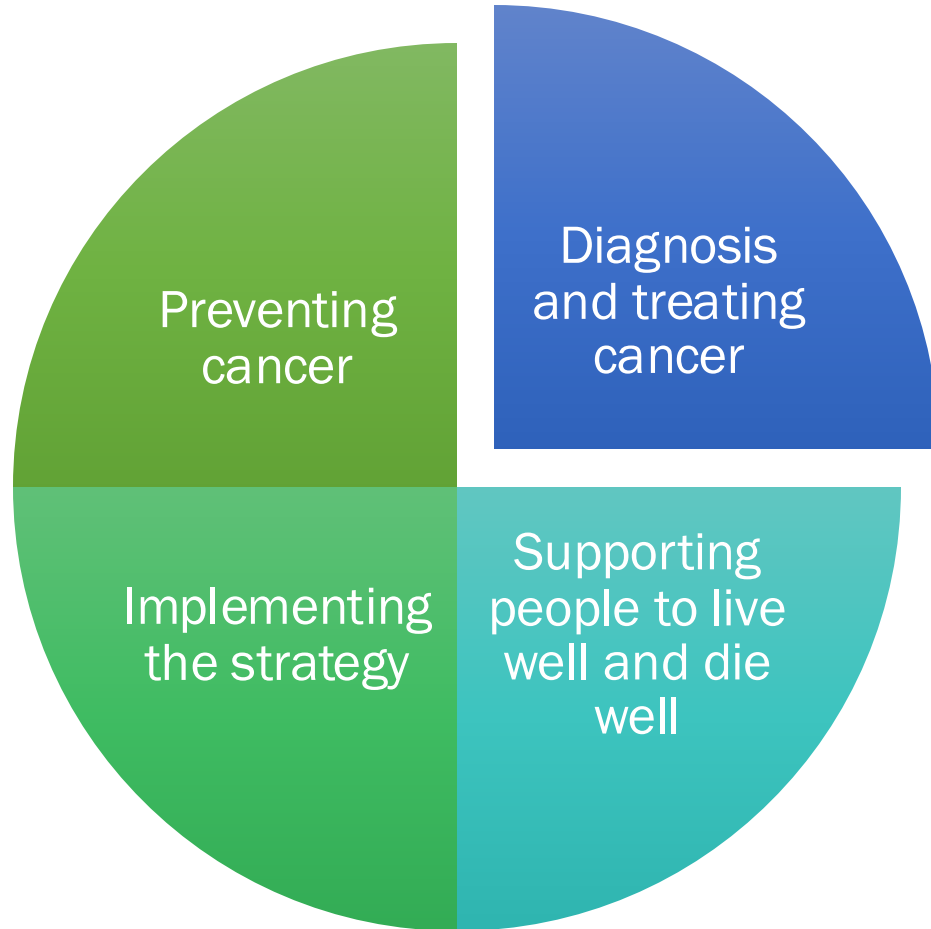
% Within 62 Days



Number Treated



Cancer Strategy 2022-2032



Cancer Strategy published 22 March 2022

Theme 2: Diagnosing and Treating Cancer

- 12 actions relating to diagnosing cancer (actions 5-16)

Includes actions to improve:

- Routes to diagnosis
- Awareness campaigns
- Screening programmes
- Reviewing targets
- New pathways and services

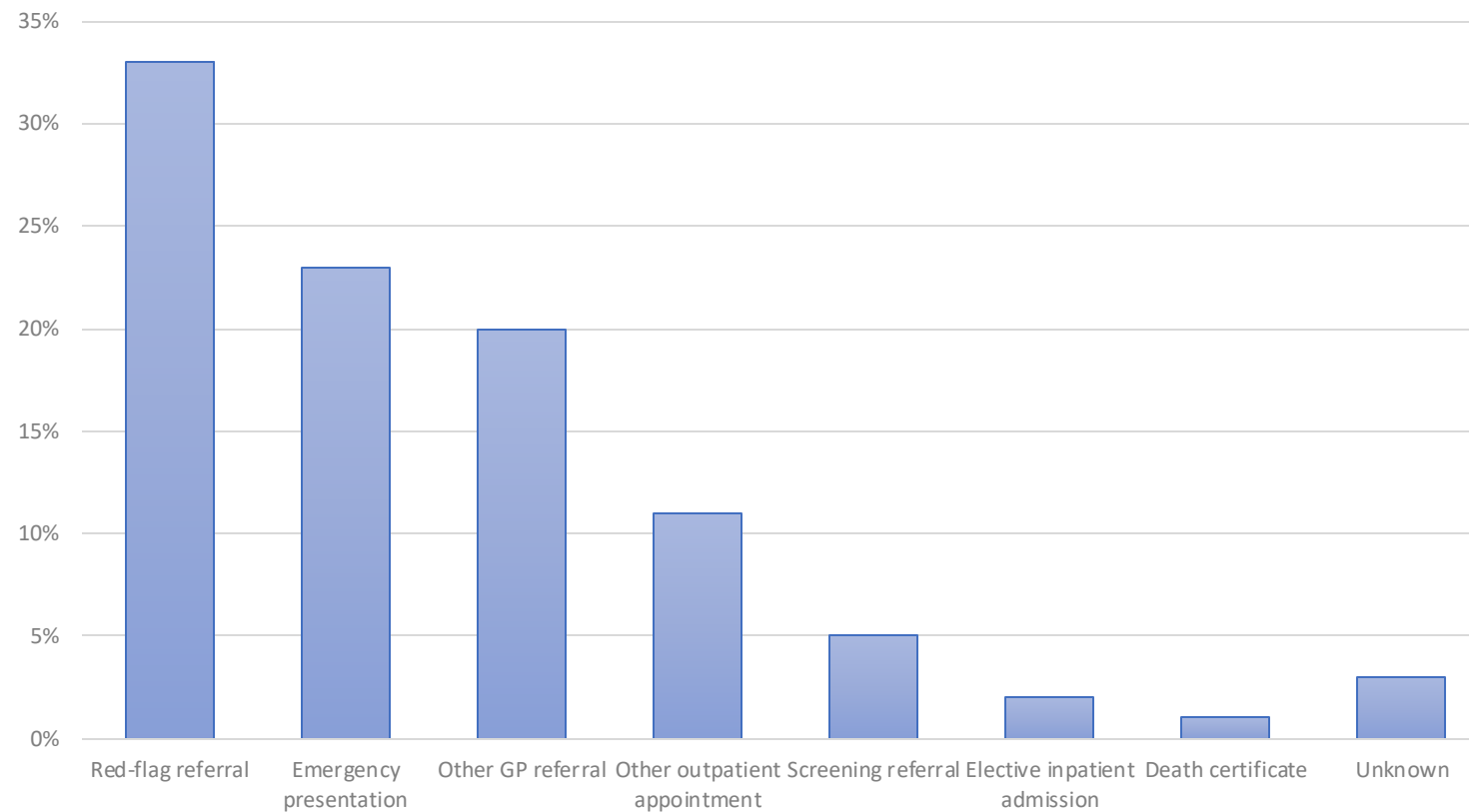


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Routes to diagnosis – high level

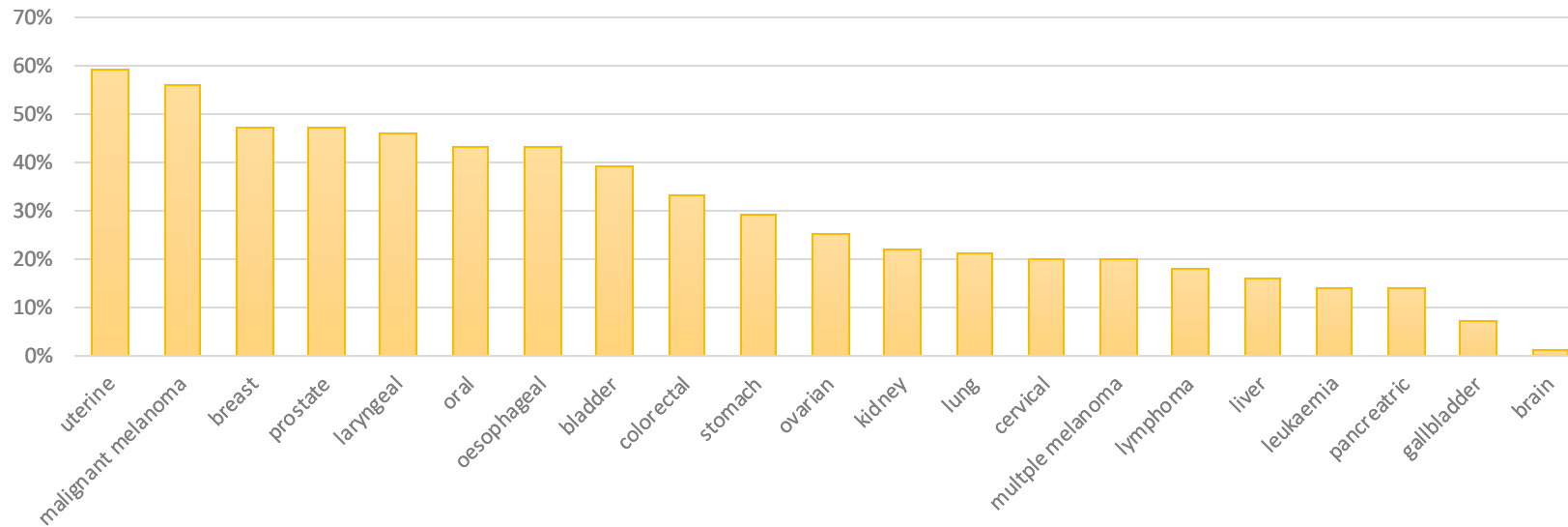
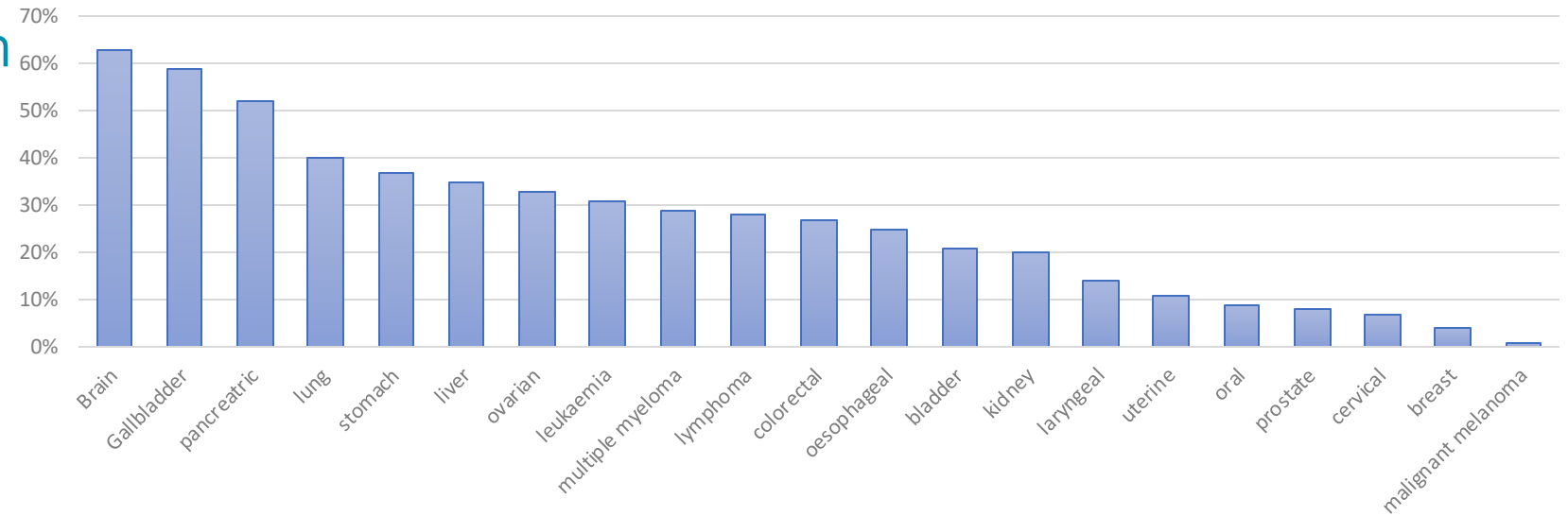
33%	Red-flag referral
23%	Emergency presentation
20%	Other GP referral
11%	Other appointment
5%	Screening referral
2%	Elective admission
1%	Death certificate
3%	Unknown



Routes to diagnosis – other data

Emergency presentation
route to diagnosis

Brain 63% →
Malignant melanoma 1%



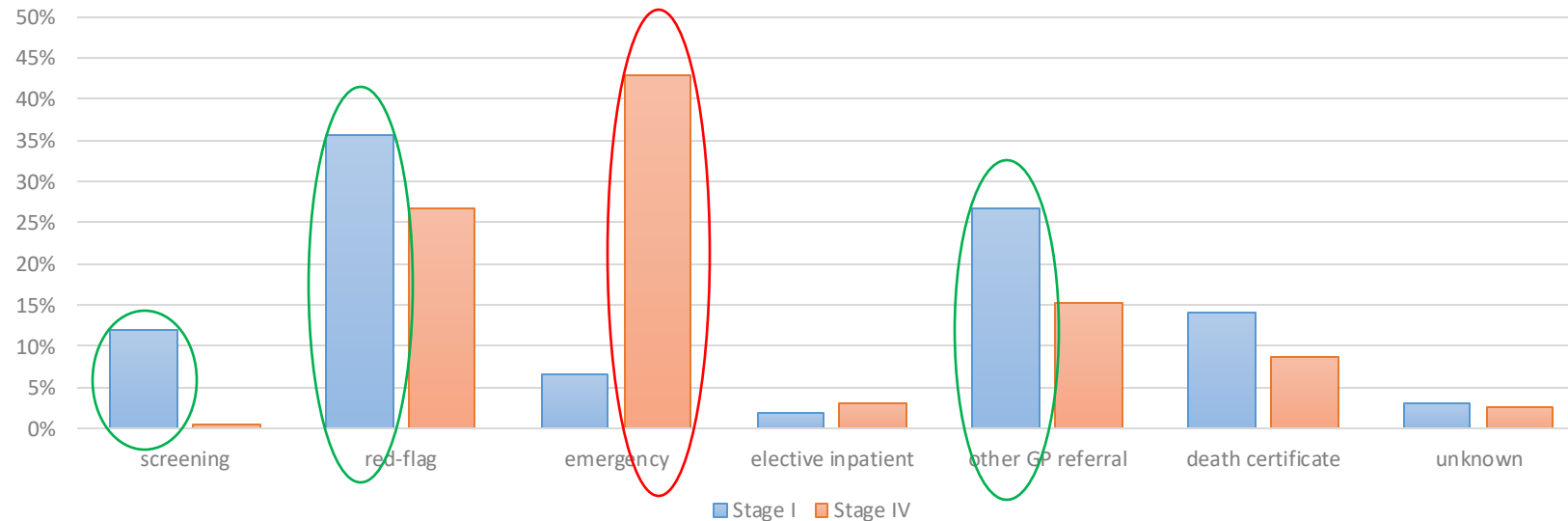
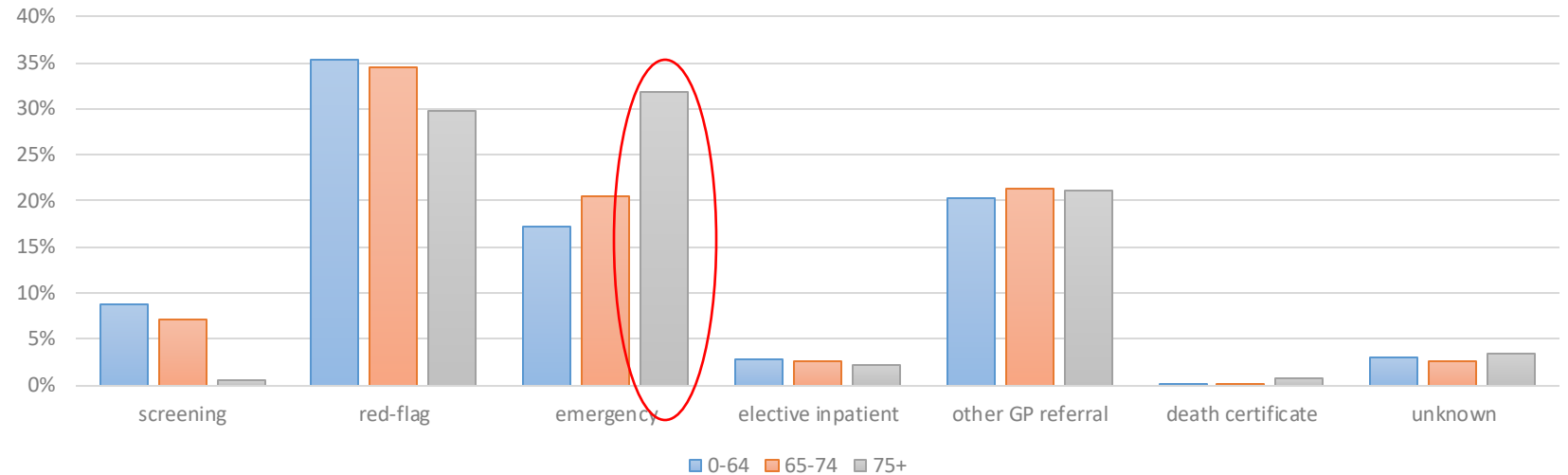
Red Flag
route to diagnosis

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Brain 1%

Routes to diagnosis – other data

Age at diagnosis
Route to diagnosis

75+: 32% emergency

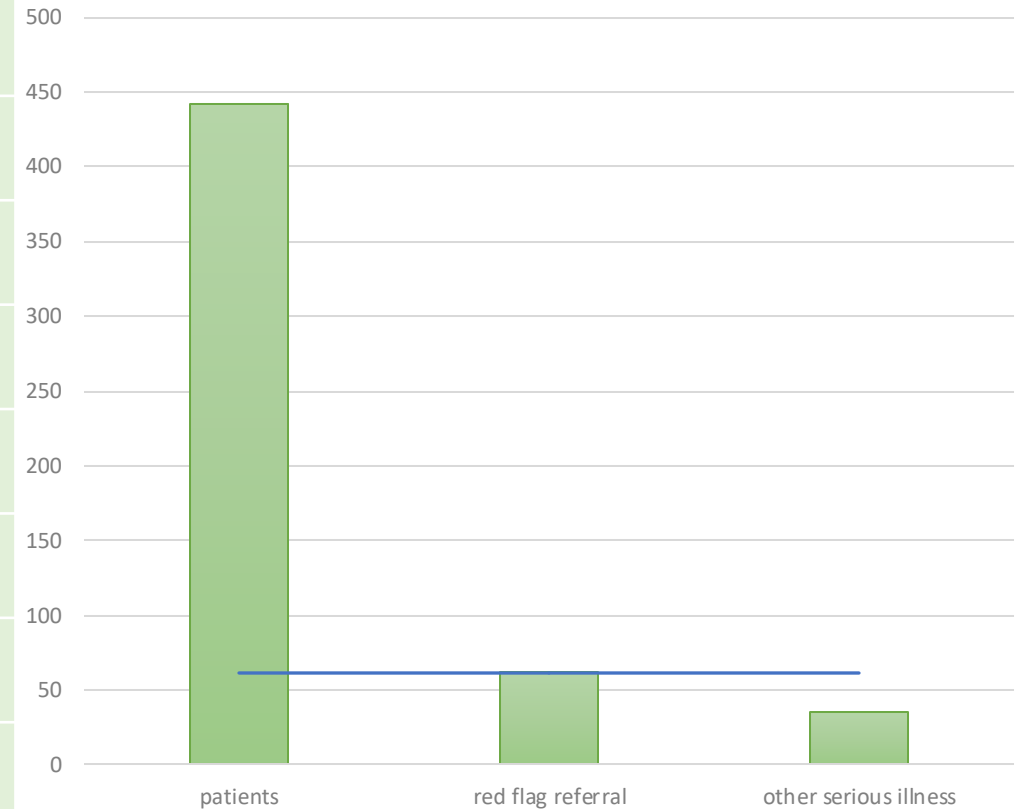


Stage at diagnosis
Route to diagnosis

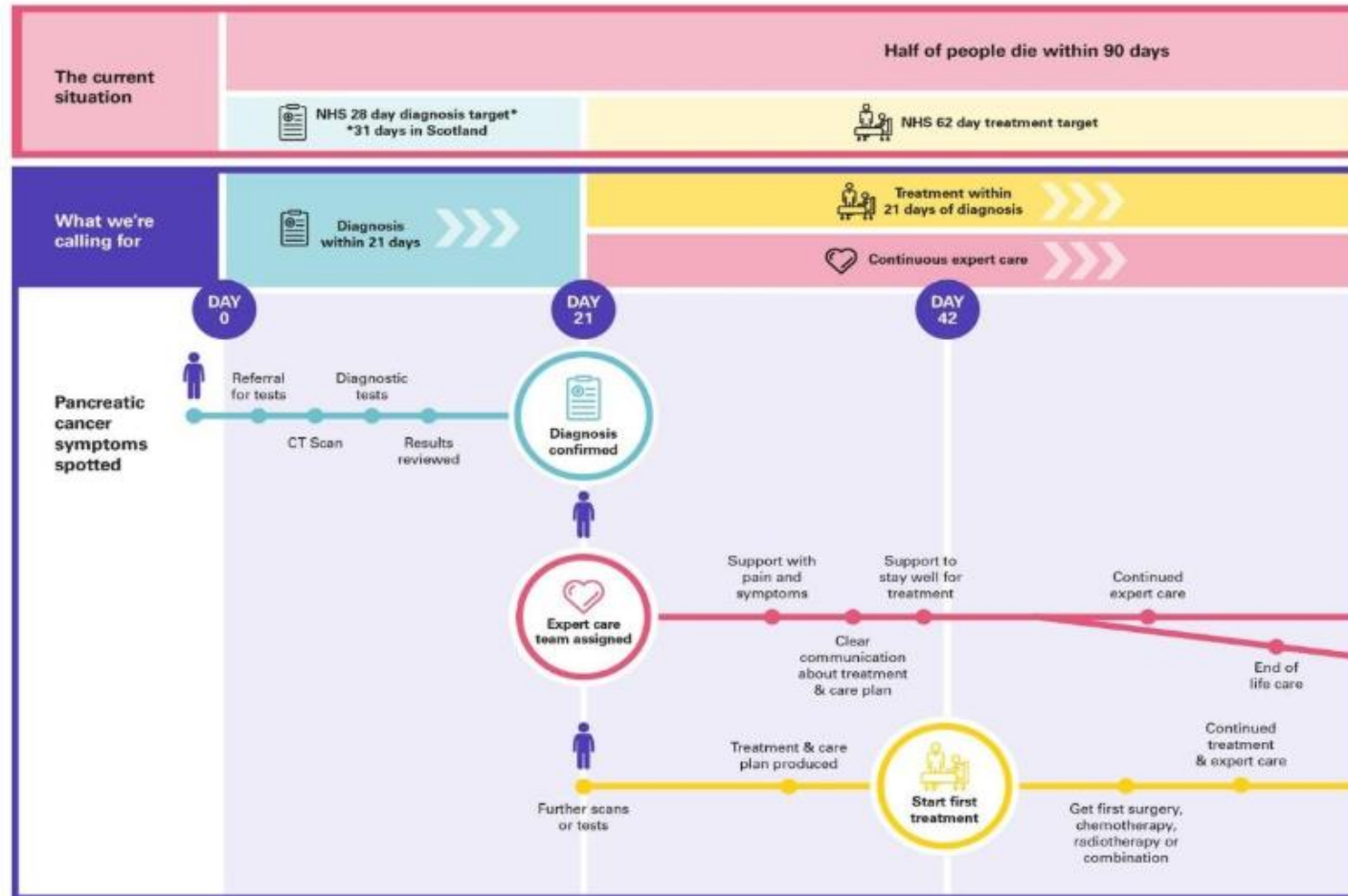
Stage I: screening 12%,
red flag 36%, other 27%
Stage IV: emergency 43%

Rapid Diagnosis Centres

Dec 22	First patient
442	Patients
14%	Potential cancers
14%	Benchmark for potential cancers
8%	Other serious illness
£671	Cost per patient Southern Trust
£941	Cost per patient Northern Trust
June 24	Expected rollout all of NI



Pancreatic Cancer Pathways



Collaboration

- Pancreatic Cancer UK
- NIPANC
- HSC Trusts
- Department of Health

Result

- ➔ Optimal Care Pathway
- ➔ Quicker diagnosis

Genomics

Action 27

Implement genomics testing for all cancers in Northern Ireland

£1.4m

Investment from cancer strategy funding to allow genomics testing to scale up

Identification

of predisposition to inherited cancers expected to reduce diagnosis times



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Conclusion

Challenges

- Stable decision making
- Funding

Opportunities

- Cancer Strategy
- Dedicated workforce
- Innovation that is underway

A Cancer Strategy for Northern Ireland 2022-2032

