

Cancer care in the independent sector

Scale of cancer care

318,070

cancer care admissions took place in the independent sector between 2022 and 2025.



Breast cancer

is the most common cancer treated privately.



Chemotherapy

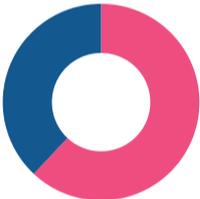
is the largest treatment area, making up 64% of admissions.

Who is being treated?

Gender split

There are **more female patients** being admitted for cancer procedures than males.

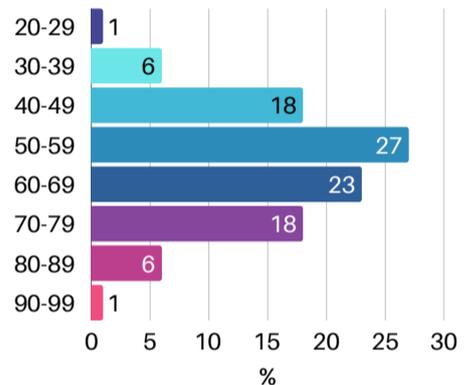
Male
38%



Female
62%

Age

People aged **50 to 59** make up the greatest proportion of private cancer admissions.



Location

London, the South East, and the East of England remain the **top three regions** for private cancer care activity, reflecting the concentration of private hospitals there.



London
+5,385
Largest absolute growth in cancer admissions



Payment type

93% used private medical insurance to pay for private cancer treatment.

The split between payment methods for all admission types is usually in the range of 70% insurance and 30% self-pay.

The private healthcare sector

150,000 people are employed or contracted in the independent sector.



IHPN members deliver care in over **2,500 sites** across the UK.

Data covers admissions between **January 2022 and June 2025.**