



Mobile Cancer Care

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Impact Report 2024/25

Our Essex based mobile cancer care unit is one of the leading performers within our fleet. It plays a vital role in supporting the East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust in providing easily accessible and close to home treatment for patients throughout the county.

The unit is affectionately known as "Maureen", named after a nurse who worked at Colchester hospital and who was a founding member of the Hope For Tomorrow charity team. Maureen provides much-needed extra capacity, allowing more complex cases to be addressed within the general hospital's day wards. Patients also experience the advantage of minimal waiting times (max 10 minutes) thanks to efficient scheduling and a fixed daily operating schedule.



Our Impact and Reach

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust (ESNEFT) provide hospital and community health care services for Colchester, Ipswich and local areas. Formed on July 1, 2018, ESNEFT is the largest NHS organisation in the region employing more than 11,000 staff. Visit their website for more information about their cancer services. [CLICK HERE](#)

ESNEFT Oncology is committed to ensuring that cancer care is accessible to all and provides services to over 1 million people.

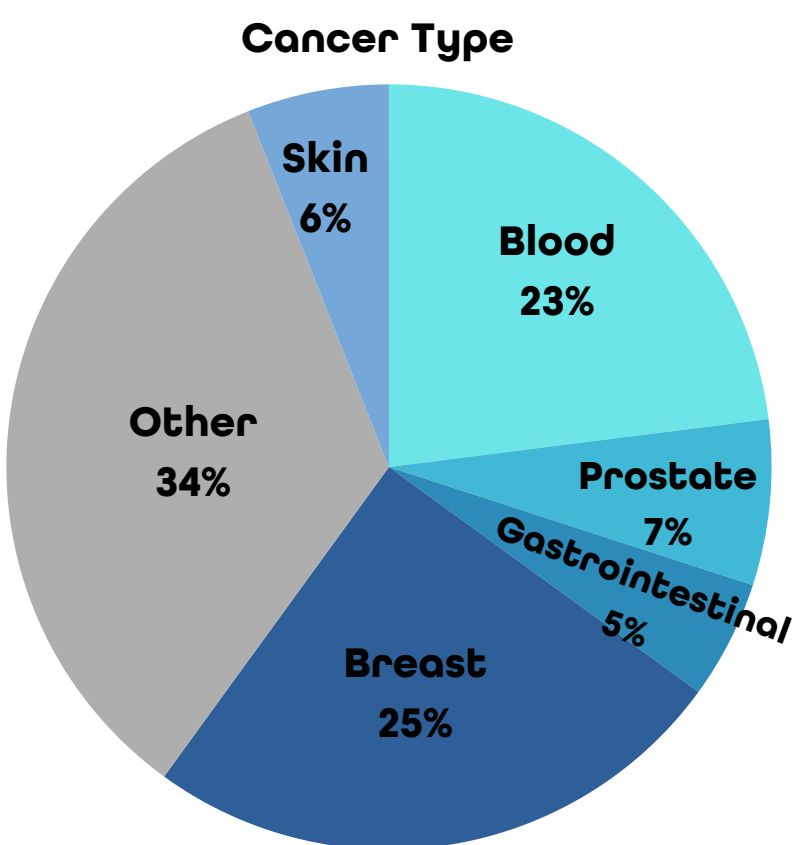
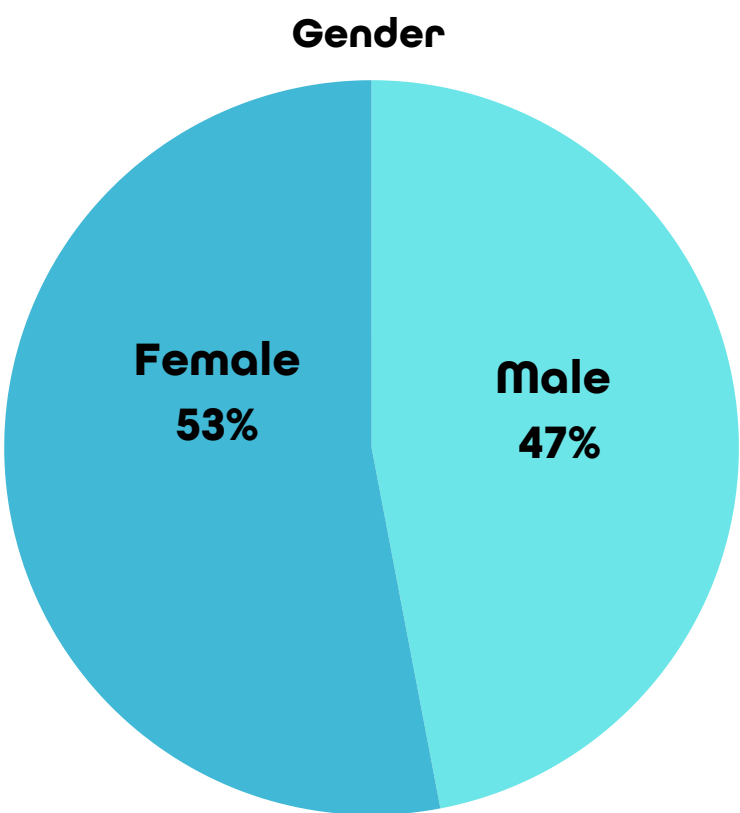
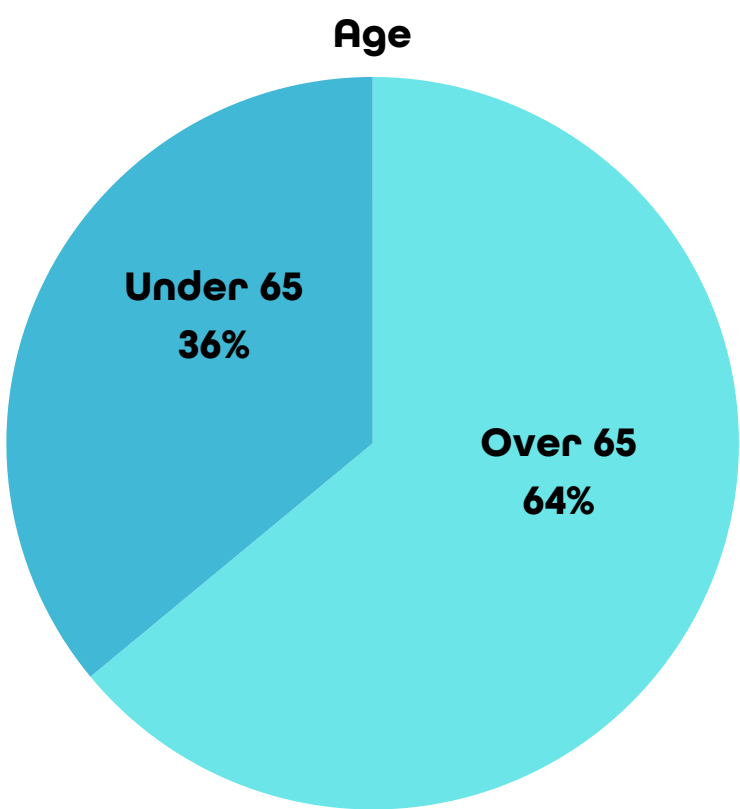


Between April 24 and March 25, Maureen delivered an incredible 2889 treatments to patients locally, in Halstead, Stanway, Manningtree and Tiptree.

Our Partners

Our units are incredibly beneficial for our NHS Trust partners, providing them with a mobile environment to reach rural and underserved areas for patients to access important treatment closer to their homes, spending less on travel and parking and making the process more tolerable according to close to 70% of patients. They also improve patient experience and provide staff with a different and unique work environment, a smaller, more intimate setting which can allow for personalised care and attention from healthcare providers, reduced anxiety levels for patients and making the whole thing more cost effective and accessible.

Patient Statistics
For East Suffolk and North Essex Unit



Treatment numbers per location

Halstead	Stanway	Tiptree	Manningtree
609	970	529	781

David Gronland

Patient in East Suffolk and North Essex



David was around midway through his chemo treatment for incurable multiple myeloma, in 2019, when he heard about the “chemobile”, as he calls it. “It’s only down the road, about a 20-minute walk from where I live in Halstead. The traffic to Colchester takes anywhere up to an hour each way, so for me to continue my treatment so near to home was a Godsend.”

David admitted to feeling slightly nervous when the mobile unit first came on his radar: “You don’t know what it’s going to be like. But once you’ve been inside, it’s just like a mini-hospital. The nurses as always are brilliant, just like at the hospital. But one of the beauties of it is that you get to know some of the people when you visit, and it’s a really lovely atmosphere. Straight away I get a cup of tea and have a chat with Peter, the driver. All the kit is there and it’s just self-contained. It’s more relaxing than going to the hospital because you’re not sitting outside and waiting to be called before walking down a long corridor.”

Because of its sociable environment, it’s like bumping into old friends: “You have a little chat with them to see how they’re getting on - it’s something you don’t do when you’re in the hospital as you don’t generally talk to other people.”