

2.4M CAUGHT IN COVID CANCER BACKLOG

Screening checks, hospital appointments
and vital treatment lost during pandemic

ALMOST 2.5million patients have missed out on vital cancer tests and treatment because of the pandemic.

The NHS faces the shocking backlog of cases as it tries to

EXCLUSIVE

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return to normal – and also cope with new victims of the disease.

Cancer Research UK says 2.1million patients are awaiting crucial screening for breast, cervical and

bowel cancer. Another 290,000 have missed out on urgent referrals to confirm or rule out tumours.

And at least 21,600 patients have had surgery, chemotherapy or radiotherapy postponed in the past nine weeks. Some of these procedures would have saved lives

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Many more cancer and heart patients will die from coronamania than could die from Covid.