

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-702

Date 8 December 2017

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Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

I am seeking information for hip replacement, knee replacement and cataract operations and hernia operations, for the last five financial years. For each question I am seeking information for each of the following time periods: 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 to date (most recent data available)

- 1. How many a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations were cancelled for non-clinical reasons in the 48 hours before a patient was due to be admitted in each of the last five financial years?**

Please note we are unable to provide data on hip or knee replacement as all elective orthopaedic work is done at North Bristol NHS Trust. Therefore we do not hold this information.

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 <i>to date</i>
cataract operations	0	0	0	0	0
hernia operations	10	19	5	8	6

- 2. What was the average waiting time (from referral to treatment to admission date) for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?**

The Trust is unable to provide the requested information as although RTT incomplete pathways are validated, clock stops are not and for this reason it is not possible to provide information on completed waits.

- 3. On average how many extra days did patients wait for surgery beyond the 18 week limit for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?**

We do not hold this information. Please see response to question two.

- 4. What were the five longest waits for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?**

We do not hold this information. Please see response to question two.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
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Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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