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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012922 – Hip and knee replacements

Proposed answers (these use the standard National Joint Register procedure definitions and the same query which is used to validate our entries in the Register so they're as accurate as we can get)

1. Does the NHS Trust provide arthroplasty (joint replacement services) - Yes

2. a) How many patients has the Trust treated for hip replacement in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2014? Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years – Please see table below

b) How many patients has the Trust treated for hip replacement revision in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2014? Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years – Please see table below

c) How many patients has the Trust treated for knee replacement in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2014? Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years – Please see table below

d) How many patients has the trust treated, for knee replacement revision in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2014? Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years – Please see table below

Count of Procedures	Year					Grand Total
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Hip Primary	363	380	387	368	395	1893
Hip Revision	10	6	4	4	4	28
Knee Primary	487	457	454	453	613	2464
Knee Revision	4	9	11	12	5	41
Grand Total	864	852	856	837	1017	4426

To determine which procedures qualify as being replacements (primaries) or revisions we use the following OPCS4 Procedure Codes :

Hip Primary : 'W371','W378','W379','W381','W388','W389',
 'W391','W398','W399','W931','W938','W939','W941','W948','W949','W951','W958','W959',
 Or any of 'W521','W531','W541','W581' in conjunction with any of 'Z843','Z761','Z756'

Hip Revision : 'W370','W372','W373','W374','W380','W382','W383','W384',
 'W392','W393','W395','W462','W472','W482','W932','W933','W940', 'W942','W943','W952','W953','W954',
 Or any of 'W394' in conjunction with any of 'Y032','Y037'

Or any of 'W522','W523','W532','W533','W542','W543','W572','W574','W582' in conjunction with any of 'Z843','Z761','Z756'

Knee Primary : 'O181','O188','O189','W401','W408','W409', 'W411','W418','W419','W421','W428','W429'

Or any of 'W521','W531','W541','W581' in conjunction with any of 'Z846','Z765','Z845','Z844','Z774','Z787'

Knee Revision : 'O180','O182','O183','O184','W400','W402','W403','W404',
'W410','W412','W413','W414','W420','W422','W423','W425'

Or any of 'W424' in conjunction with any of 'Y032','Y037'

Or any of 'W522','W523','W532','W533','W542','W543', 'W553','W564','W574','W582','W603','W613','W641','W642' in conjunction with any of 'Z846','Z765','Z845','Z844','Z774','Z787'

Or any of 'W544' in conjunction with any of 'Z846','Z765','Z845','Z844','Z774','Z787' in conjunction with any of 'Y032','Y037'

3. a) What is the average length of time patients wait for a hip replacement from referral?

We cannot provide averages because we only take snapshot positions of our waiting times, we record waiting time as at a date, not total waiting time at the point at which treatment is begun

b) What is the average length of time patients wait for a hip replacement revision from referral?

c) What is the average length of time patients wait for a knee replacement from referral?

d) What is the average length of time patients wait for a knee replacement revision from referral?

4. a) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a hip replacement from referral?

b) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a hip replacement revision from referral?

c) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a knee replacement from referral?

d) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a knee replacement revision from referral?

Response to questions 3 and 4 - We cannot provide averages because we only take snapshot positions of our waiting times, we record waiting time as at a date, not total waiting time at the point at which treatment is begun

Please go to the disclosure log on the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/> and in the search box type in 012707, this bring up a previous response on waiting times.

5. a) Has the Trust been asked to reduce the number of arthroplasty procedures it carries out at any point over the last five years, by commissioners? - NO

b) If Yes, by how many? – N/A

6. a) Has the Trust been asked to change the criteria by which patients are selected for arthroplasty procedures?

Yes

b) If Yes, in what way?

From 1st April 2016 Dudley CCG has introduced the following criteria for hip and knee replacement surgery –

The patient has a BMI less than or equal to 35 and is supported by a primary care referral.

If a patient has a BMI over 35 there needs to be written documented evidence of completing a primary care weight reduction programme in order to attempt to reduce their BMI prior to referral