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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - Ref: FOI/013624 – Waiting times for operations

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

Waiting times for operations

For each of the following operations:

1. How many operations were carried out by your trust a) between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 and b) between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017;
2. What was the average wait for each operation at your trust a) between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 and b) between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017;
3. What was the longest wait for each operation at your trust a) between 1 April 2015 and 31 FOI request on operation waiting times March 2016 and b) between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017;

Please give data for the following operations:

- A. Hip replacements
- B. Knee replacements
- C. Cataracts
- D. Hernia operations
- E. Removal of gallstones
- F. Removal of tonsils.

Please use this spreadsheet for replies if possible:

| | Total operations between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 | Total operations between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017 | Average wait between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 | Average wait between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017 | Longest wait between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 | Longest wait between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017 |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. Hip replacements | 352 | 349 | See below | See below | See below | See below |
| B. Knee replacements | 454 | 451 | See below | See below | See below | See below |
| C. Cataracts | 1648 | 1321 | See below | See below | See below | See below |
| D. Hernia operations | 497 | 549 | See below | See below | See below | See below |
| E. Removal of gallstones | 421 | 453 | See below | See below | See below | See below |
| F. Removal of tonsils. | 190 | 235 | See below | See below | See below | See below |

The Trust does not hold the average waiting time information as requested and does not hold

waiting time by procedure statistics. Data held within the Referral To Treatment system does not show the intended surgery from the referral. We do not hold data in a format that allows interrogation of data based upon the type of surgery/procedure the patient is waiting for.

The Information Department provides a weekly 'snap shot' waiting time report that is sent to the Operational Directorate.

General managers monitor the 18 week waiting time target at a treatment function code level to comply with national guidelines.