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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - Ref: FOI/012707 – Waiting times for procedures

Name of Trust	The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
Name of Trust's CCG	Dudley CCG

Freedom of Information: Elective Surgery

1. Which Regional/Area Team does your hospital belong to?

Please tick **ONE** of the following options:

North East	
North West	
West Midlands	X
East Midlands	
Yorkshire and the Humber	
East of England	
South West	
South East	
London	

2. Please set out the number of individual elective procedures that took place in your Trust in 2015 for the following categories –

Please note this data shows the number of procedures not operations. One patient may have several procedures

Procedure	Number
Hip Replacement	369
Knee Replacement	462

Hernia Operations	548
Adenoid Operations	22
Gallstone Operations	437
Tonsillectomies	234
Cataract Operations	1822
Bariatric Surgery	N/A
Gender Reassignment Surgery	N/A

3. Please set out the mean average waiting time (in days), within your Trust, for each of the following procedures in 2015 – Please also include referral to treatment (RTT) waiting time

The Trust does not hold waiting time by procedure statistics, but for information on RTT waits please go to:- <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/>

Procedure	Average Waiting Time (Days)	Referral to Treatment
Hip Replacement		
Knee Replacement		
Hernia Operations		
Adenoid Operations		
Gallstone Operations		
Tonsillectomies		
Cataract Operations		
Bariatric Surgery		
Gender Reassignment Surgery		

4. Please set out the number of patients who waited over 18 weeks, within your Trust, for each of the following procedures in 2015 –

The Trust does not hold waiting time by procedure statistics

Procedure	Number of people who waited over 18 weeks
Hip Replacement	

Knee Replacement	
Hernia Operations	
Adenoid Operations	
Gallstone Operations	
Tonsillectomies	
Cataract Operations	
Bariatric Surgery	
Gender Reassignment Surgery	

5. If a patients needs were to change while on the Trust's waiting list is there a process to recognise this?

Yes	
There is no single specific process. If a patient's circumstances change they would either speak with the consultant via telephone, or be brought in for a further outpatient appointment	
No	

If yes, please describe

6. What number of patient's surgeries were cancelled on the day in the calendar year of 2015?

We record short notice theatre cancellations but cannot guarantee that the cancellation occurred on the same day. For further details please go to:-
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancelled-elective->

7. Please tick the most common

reasons surgery is cancelled on the day?

Scheduling errors – i.e. lack of theatre time, surgeon unavailable	
Patient not prepped – i.e. not fasted	
Equipment shortages and/or lack of beds	
Cancellation due to inadequate preoperative evaluation	
Patient failing to attend or operation no longer necessary	

Emergency case superseding the elective schedule	
Medical reasons – on-going infection, illness of family member	
Low Staffing levels	

Other,
please
specify

8. Have you implemented any improvement programs to improve access to meeting the (recommended) waiting time?

Theatre Improvements	Y
Admin / booking projects	Y
Pre-op assessment	Y
Diagnostic improvement	Y
Separation of elective and emergency beds	Y
Communication with patients	Y

Other,
please
specify

9. Have you implemented any bans on out of area referrals for any types of elective procedures?

Yes	
No	X

If

yes, for which
procedures?

10. Do you notify patients of their rights under the NHS Constitution when the 18 week limit has been missed?

Yes	
No	

If

There is no specific advice or guidance about informing every patient if they breach 18 weeks. We do however publicise the NHS Constitution

Yes, how?

11. On average how many extra days or weeks did patients wait for surgery beyond the 18 week limit?

The Trust does not hold waiting time by procedure statistics

Procedure	Number
Hip Replacement	
Knee Replacement	
Hernia Operations	
Adenoid Operations	
Gallstone Operations	
Tonsillectomies	
Cataract Operations	
Bariatric Surgery	
Gender Reassignment Surgery	