

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-281

21 August 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting.

1. How many referrals did you receive for symptomatic aortic stenosis for the following periods:

a. 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019?

596 from all pathways regardless of outcome and procedure performed.

b. 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020?

817 from all pathways regardless of outcome and procedure performed.

2. Of those referrals in question 1 (both periods), how many were offered a Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)

a. 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019?

166 had TAVI in this year.

b. 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020?

222 had TAVI in this year.

3. Of all those offered a TAVI in question 2, how many were recommended by the:

a. Interventional cardiologist?

All patients discussed by an MDT team before being added to the waiting list.

The MDT includes both an interventional cardiologist and a cardiothoracic surgeon.

b. Cardiothoracic surgeon?

All patients discussed by an MDT team before being added to the waiting list.

The MDT includes both an interventional cardiologist and a cardiothoracic surgeon.

4. What was the average waiting time for patients undergoing TAVI between:

a. **1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019?**

Median 148 days, Mean 161 days.

b. **1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020?**

Median 141 days, Mean 154 days.

5. Of all those referrals in question 1, how many patients died whilst waiting for treatment?

The Trust does not hold this information at this time. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are currently conducting a review of all of our waiting list deaths and are unable to answer this question until this review has been completed later in 2020.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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