

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-482

20 September 2021

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 hold some the information you are requesting

For Bi-lateral cleft lip and palate.

The mean, mode and range surgical wait times from birth for primary lip repair and primary palate repair for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 so far. If planned second stage palate repair is required please also provide this data.

For unilateral cleft lip and palate.

The mean, mode and range surgical wait times from birth for primary lip repair and primary palate repair for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 so far.

For cleft palate.

The mean, mode and range surgical wait times from birth for primary palate repair for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 so far.

For cleft lip.

The mean, mode and range surgical wait times from birth for primary lip repair for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 so far.

For the transition from Frenchay

In addition for Bristol please can I request the same set of data for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 to understand the effect of the cleft teams move from Frenchay to the Bristol Royal Infirmary had on surgical wait times.

		Procedure Year					
	Weeks between Patients DOB and Inpatient Procedure Date	2014	2015	2018	2019	2020	2021 to date
1. Bi-lateral cleft lip and	Mean	28	21	34	30	57	72

palate primary lip repair (F03.1 + Z94.1)	Mode*	28	18	22	16	35	42
	Min	28	18	22	16	35	42
	Max	28	25	43	70	84	121
2. Bi-lateral cleft lip and palate primary palate repair (F29.1 + Z94.1)	Mean	252	297	192	47	52	62
	Mode*	28	18	22	17	35	53
	Min	28	18	22	23	35	53
	Max	488	656	435	70	71	70
3. Bi-lateral cleft lip and palate planned second stage palate repair (F29.2 + Z94.1)	Mean		143	252	409	495	1044
	Mode*		143	104	409	495	1044
	Min		143	104	409	495	1044
	Max		143	406	409	495	1044
4. Unilateral cleft lip and palate primary lip repair (F03.1 + Z94.2 OR Z94.3)	Mean			24	30	84	59
	Mode*			22	15	27	44
	Min			22	15	22	38
	Max			28	70	624	179
5. Unilateral cleft lip and palate primary palate repair (F29.1 + Z94.2 OR Z94.3)	Mean	459	447	430	39	43	160
	Mode*	47	395	425	19	39	44
	Min	47	45	425	19	39	44
	Max	804	656	435	70	46	457
6. Cleft palate primary palate repair (F29.1 + Z94.1 OR Z94.2 OR Z94.3) note this combines points 2 and 5 above	Mean	365	380	192	43	49	127
	Mode*	28	395	22	70	39	44
	Min	28	18	22	19	35	44
	Max	804	656	435	70	71	457
7. Cleft lip primary lip repair (F03.1 + Z94.1 OR Z94.2 OR Z94.3) note this combines points 1 and 4 above	Mean	28	21	29	29	75	61
	Mode*	28	18	22	23	27	53
	Min	28	18	22	15	22	38
	Max	28	25	43	70	624	179

*Mode: if only 1 patient per wait time then taken the shortest wait time

We do not hold any information from 2012, 2013 but the transition from Frenchay is included in 2014, 2015 figures

FSSA.

Please can you also provide data for any palate surgery on infants that has breached priority 2 FSSA guidance set up during covid and and lip surgery that has breached priority 3 FSSA guidance without a specified co-founder or reason such as ill health or another medical condition that took priority over cleft surgery.

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link:
https://fssa.org.uk/userfiles/pages/files/covid19/prioritisation_master_30_april_21.pdf

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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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Yours sincerely

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