

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-652

24 November 2022

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 of the information you are requesting

How many patients are currently on the waiting list for elective surgery?

9,176

Of these, how many have been waiting for i) more than 6 months

3,258

ii) more than twelve months

1,404

c) more than eighteen months.

616

**What was the average wait for elective surgery in the past three financial years i)
2021/22**

14 weeks

ii) 2020/21

12 weeks

and iii) 2019/20?

8 weeks

Currently, what are the five longest waits for elective surgery at your trust?

We have not provided the information in the requested format as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data

Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

If possible, please could i have this information broken down by the type of elective procedure e.g. a) knee replacement b) hip replacement and c) cataract

We cannot provide this information as our system does not break down by type of procedure.

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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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