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Response Due: 7th August 2023

Date: 4th August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the police force.

1a) Divided by month, how long the waiting list is for getting a breast reconstruction after a mastectomy from January 2016 to July 2023 (or the most up-to-date data)?

We do not record this information. We offer immediate implant-based reconstruction to our patients (unless there is a contraindication). The cosmetic outcome is superior, and patients avoid an unnecessary second procedure. Patients that are not eligible for immediate reconstruction are usually referred for a Diep flap to a different Trust. Patients that request a delayed implant-based reconstruction are offered a date by the consultant they are under based on theatre space availability.

1b) Please divide this information according to different types of breast reconstruction i.e. implant, LD flap, DIEP flap

N/A

2) Divided by month, how many people are on the waiting list for breast reconstruction after a mastectomy from January 2016 to July 2023 (or the most up-to-date data)?

N/A

3a) What date did the trust stop performing reconstructions at the same time as mastectomies during the pandemic?

The Trust stopped offering immediate reconstruction April 2020 during the pandemic following the guidance issued by the Association of Breast Surgeons (ABS).

3b) What date did the trust start offering reconstructions at the same time as mastectomies again?

The Trust restarted when the Association of Breast Surgeons (ABS) guidance allowed. Association of Breast Surgeons (ABS) lifted the restrictions in May 2022.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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The Information Commissioner's Office
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