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Response Due: 16th November 2023

Date: 7th November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Please can you let me know how many patients you had on your waiting list for at least one knee replacement on 1st October 2023.

Procedure	Number of Patients
W401	23
W402	<5
W403	<5
W411	<5
W421	861
W422	<5
W423	41
W581	123
W582	<5

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and

Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

Please could you also let me know how many of these patients had been waiting more than a year for a knee replacement?

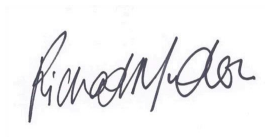
1st October 2023	Number of Patients
Waiting Over 52+ Weeks	55

Please could you let me know many NHS knee replacement patients have been transferred to a private medical hospital to have their procedure carried out in the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 thus far.

Year	Number of Patients
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	0
2023	0

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,



Richard Mundon
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The Information Commissioner's Office
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