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Date Received: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Response Due: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**The number of patients who were placed on the waiting list for total knee replacement surgery between 1st August 2022 - 31st Jan 2023 .**

| <b>All Procedures</b>  | <b>No. of Pt's Added to WL</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement     | <5                             |
| Revision of hybrid prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement | <5                             |
| Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement      | 7                              |
| Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint not using cement  | <5                             |
| Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC               | 825                            |
| Conversion to total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC         | <5                             |
| Revision of total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC           | 50                             |
| Attention to total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC          | <5                             |
| Primary resurfacing arthroplasty of joint                            | 99                             |
| Revision of resurfacing arthroplasty of joint                        | <5                             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>992</b>                     |

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

**The number of these patients who were placed on the waiting list for total knee replacement between 1st August 2022 - 31st Jan 2023, who have gone on to have total knee replacement surgery at the present time.**

| All Procedures  | No. of Patients on WL who have had Knee Replacement Surgery |
|---|---|
| Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement    | <5  |
| Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement     | <5  |
| Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint not using cement | <5  |
| Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC              | 430   |
| Conversion to total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC        | 35  |
| Attention to total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC         | <5  |
| Primary resurfacing arthroplasty of joint                           | 54  |
| Revision of resurfacing arthroplasty of joint                       | <5  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>528</b>  |

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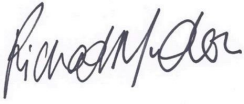
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**The average time it takes for a patient to receive total knee replacement surgery from the point they are listed for surgery.**

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Average</b> | <b>1 Aug 22 - 31 Jan 23</b> |
| <b>Total</b>   | 137 Days / 19.5 Weeks       |

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  
Wycliffe House  
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