

Ref FOI17 483
Date 21 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

This request concerns waiting times and cancellations for elective operations.

I am seeking information for hip replacement, knee replacement and cataract operations and hernia operations, for the last five financial years.

For each question I am seeking information for each of the following time periods:

- i) 2013/14
- ii) 2014/15
- iii) 2015/16
- iv) 2016/17
- v) 2017/18 to date (most recent data available)

1. How many a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations were cancelled for non-clinical reasons in the 48 hours before a patient was due to be admitted in each of the last five financial years?

What was the average waiting time (from referral to treatment to admission date) for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?

On average how many extra days did patients wait for surgery beyond the 18 week limit for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?

What were the five longest waits for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?

Response – The Isle of Wight NHS Trust does not hold the requested information regarding waiting times and additional delays following cancellations. Once a patient has undergone their procedure (i.e. they are removed from the waiting list), the details relating to their waiting time is not retained within Trust systems. There is no central retrieval mechanism in place to check any additional days that the patient may have needed to be in hospital due to a late cancellation.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

