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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

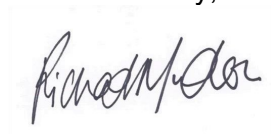
**Please provide the longest period of time that a patient spent on an elective waiting list in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in each of the following priority categories. I recognise this may require using a different dataset to the one used in the initial response.**

- a) Priority 1 (operation needed within 72 hours)**
- b) Priority 2 (surgery which can be deferred for up to four weeks)**
- c) Priority 3 (surgery which can be delayed for up to three months)**
- d) Priority 4 (surgery which can be delayed for more than three months)**
- e) Priority 5 (patients who have requested to remain on the waiting list but to defer treatment because of their concerns about Covid-19)**
- f) Priority 6 (Patients who have been offered treatment but have declined to accept for non-Covid reasons, but still wish to remain on the waiting list)**
- g) No priority assigned**

The clinical priority status on the Trusts Patient Administration System, is overwritten each time it is updated; therefore, we cannot reliably pull this information without it being misleading.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 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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