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Response Due: 26th February 2025

Date: 26th February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 29th January 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. In relation to Wrightington Hospital only - for the period 2022 to date (broken down by year), how many patients awaiting orthopaedic procedures have had to have a second (or further) pre-operative assessment due to their operation not taking place within 12 weeks of their first pre-operative assessment.**

The Trust is unable to provide information relating to which patients have had a second (or further) pre-operative assessment, due to their operation not taking place within 12 weeks of their first pre-operative assessment as we do not have this specific data within our reporting tables. If recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

- 2. In relation to Wrightington Hospital only - For the period 2022 to date (broken down by year), what the average wait time was for planned urgent and non-urgent orthopaedic surgery (broken down by category type of surgery).**

Please see the tables below. *Based off average wait in days.

Clarification: Please can you confirm what is meant by "planned urgent and non-urgent orthopaedic surgery"? Is this inclusive of 2-week pathways?

Response: I am unsure as to what the "2-week pathway" is so am not sure how best to offer clarity. I am trying to distinguish between patients who have had their surgery deemed 'urgent' and those who

have not. When designated as 'routine surgery' you often get told on the phone that cases deemed as 'urgent' have prolonged the wait and therefore I am looking to have the distinction made, in the statistics that you provide, between those deemed 'urgent' and those deemed 'non-urgent'.

	Priority Not Recorded		
Intended Procedure	2022	2023	2024
Arteries and Veins	-	-	-
Diagnostic Imaging, Testing and Rehabilitation	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Operations	145.3	-	-
Nervous System	133.8	-	-
Other Bones and Joints	172.2	330.9	607.0
Overflow Codes for Other Chapters	194.0	-	-
Skin	94.8	-	-
Soft Tissue	165.8	189.7	-
Subsidiary Classification of Methods of Operation	80.0	-	-
Subsidiary Classification of Sites of Operation	171.0	-	-
Unrecorded	33.2	-	-
Urinary	773.0	-	-

	Routine			
Intended Procedure	2022	2023	2024	2025
Arteries and Veins	132.3	-	309.0	-
Diagnostic Imaging, Testing and Rehabilitation	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Operations	54.8	98.3	140.6	131.7
Nervous System	124.0	88.0	84.9	94.6
Other Bones and Joints	159.9	147.8	144.4	136.2
Overflow Codes for Other Chapters	177.6	179.1	167.5	226.0
Skin	159.0	107.4	88.2	84.0
Soft Tissue	138.6	126.1	115.4	101.2
Subsidiary Classification of Methods of Operation	220.0	153.0	53.5	-
Subsidiary Classification of Sites of Operation	-	179.0	83.3	-
Unrecorded	21.5	26.7	6.1	3.0
Urinary	-	-	-	-

	Urgent			
Intended Procedure	2022	2023	2024	2025
Arteries and Veins	-	-	-	-
Diagnostic Imaging, Testing and Rehabilitation	-	-	52.0	-
Miscellaneous Operations	44.1	36.5	58.2	74.4
Nervous System	59.5	40.1	54.5	59.1
Other Bones and Joints	62.7	52.6	60.5	59.9
Overflow Codes for Other Chapters	69.9	57.1	96.9	119.9
Skin	28.4	24.7	22.4	30.8
Soft Tissue	43.5	37.9	43.9	58.7
Subsidiary Classification of Methods of Operation	94.5	43.8	39.0	-
Subsidiary Classification of Sites of Operation	-	17.5	-	-
Unrecorded	16.1	3.7	3.1	3.3
Urinary	-	-	-	3.0

The above figures have been broken down by types of surgery using the chapter of the procedure coding. This is a group of procedure codes applied to each admission.

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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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

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