

Ref: FOI/2024/9882

Date Received: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Response Due: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**1. Your NHS Trust's waiting list for a hip replacement in each financial year since 2018/19.**

2018/19 = 353  
2019/20 = 535  
2020/21 = 967  
2021/22 = 972  
2022/23 = 930  
2023/24 = 1,003

**2. Your NHS Trust's waiting list for a hip replacement for those aged 65 and over in each financial year since 2018/19.**

2018/19 = 207  
2019/20 = 305  
2020/21 = 546  
2021/22 = 592  
2022/23 = 573  
2023/24 = 609

**3. Your NHS Trust's current longest wait for a hip replacement.**

This information is being withheld under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act as releasing the longest waiter could make the patient identifiable. Please see below.

**4. Your NHS Trust's current longest wait for a hip replacement for those aged 65 and over.**

This information is being withheld under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act as releasing the longest waiter could make the patient identifiable. Please see below.

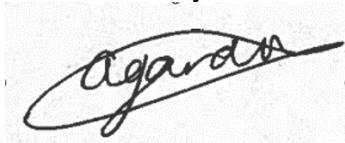
Please note that the longest waiters for hip replacements are being withheld under section 40(2) (personal information) of the Act. This is because releasing the information would make individual patients identifiable.

Section 40(2) is an 'absolute' exemption and the Trust is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of the information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the UK GDPR. In this case, I believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Agard', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Alexandra Gardner  
Directorate Manager – Trauma and Orthopaedics

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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