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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HIP AND KNEE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to hip and knee replacements

Question:

- How many people have left the waiting lists for hip or knee replacements in each year since 2020 (by calendar year) and for what reason? This means, a person was on the waiting list but left it or was removed before getting a procedure. Please separate the data by each procedure.

Answer:

Hip Replacement Removals from Waiting List

| Reason for Removal | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Additional referral received | NA | NA | NA | 5< | NA |
| Deceased patient | 10 | 13 | 19 | 28 | 20 |
| Did Not Respond - Service WL Review/Validation | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5< |
| Did Not Respond/Not Contactable | 5< | NA | 5< | 5< | 6 |
| Did Not Respond/Not Contactable by External Provider | NA | NA | NA | 5< | 5< |
| Medical Unavailability > 24 weeks | 5< | 5< | NA | 5< | 5< |
| Not recorded | NA | 5< | NA | NA | NA |
| Patient Advised Unavailability > 24 weeks | 5< | 5< | NA | 7 | 5< |
| Patient could not attend (Multiple Appointments) | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5< |
| Patient did not attend | 7 | 5< | 5< | 6 | 6 |
| Removal after Clinical Review | 7 | 15 | 19 | 34 | 28 |
| Seen as an Emergency | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5< |
| Treatment Not Currently Required | 36 | 69 | 111 | 284 | 336 |
| Unfit for Treatments | 11 | 20 | 11 | 33 | 60 |

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Knee Replacement Removals from Waiting List

| Reason for Removal | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Deceased patient | 5< | 10 | 25 | 20 | 10 |
| Declined Reasonable Offer Package | NA | NA | NA | 5< | NA |
| Declined Reasonable Offer Package at External Provider | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5< |
| Did Not Respond - Service WL Review/Validation | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5< |
| Did Not Respond/Not Contactable | NA | NA | 5< | 12 | 5< |
| Did Not Respond/Not Contactable by External Provider | NA | NA | 5< | NA | NA |
| Medical Unavailability > 24 weeks | 5< | 5< | 5< | 5< | 5< |
| Not recorded | 5< | NA | NA | NA | 5< |
| Patient Advised Unavailability > 24 weeks | 10 | 5< | 5< | 5< | 10 |
| Patient could not attend (Multiple Appointments) | 5< | NA | 5< | NA | 5< |
| Patient did not attend | 5< | 5< | 5< | 7 | 17 |
| Removal after Clinical Review | 8 | 15 | 14 | 40 | 49 |
| Treatment Not Currently Required | 70 | 71 | 73 | 289 | 350 |
| Unfit for Treatments | 21 | 23 | 11 | 58 | 93 |

The above tables show the number of patients removed from the waiting list for hip and knee replacement procedures, respectively, according to the reason for removal, in the calendar years between 2020 and 2024.

The data shown are aggregated for "primary", "revision" and "complex primary" procedures.

The data shown do not include patients removed from the NHSL waiting list who were transferred to another NHS provider, to a National Treatment Centre, or to the Golden Jubilee National Hospital to have their procedure.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply



within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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