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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - GENERAL SURGERY OUTPATIENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to General Surgery Outpatient waiting times.

Question:

- I am looking for the waiting list for General Surgery Outpatient for Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, as my consultant says its 2 yrs and your website states 47 weeks. It is specifically surgery for a very large abdominal hernia and I am on the waiting list at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary since 2024 for Mr Aldridge. But I was on Mr Manders waiting list for 2 yrs before going onto Mr Aldridge's list. So I would like waiting times for both consultants to be accepted onto their waiting lists to have an appointment with them and then also through to the actual waiting list for the actual surgery. Mr Aldridge says there are 2 just for him, one to be seen and one to have surgery. I would like waiting times since January 2022 to date to see what is holding up my surgery as I think 3 yrs is long enough.

Answer:

Waiting times for initial CGS New outpatient appointment and subsequent General Surgery Specialist Hernia New outpatient appointment

Year	SPECIALTY	Priority Group	SERVICE	Completed Waits	Average Wait (Days)	Median Wait (Days)	90th Percentile Wait (Days)
2022	Colorectal General Surgery	Routine	CGS New	1277	472	526	599
2022	Colorectal General Surgery	Urgent	CGS New	45	31	16	63
2022	General Surgery	Routine	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	128	185	130	407
2022	General Surgery	Urgent	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	19	72	57	104
2023	Colorectal General Surgery	Routine	CGS New	1122	395	432	499
2023	Colorectal General Surgery	Urgent	CGS New	36	33	16	53

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2023	General Surgery	Routine	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	108	83	80	140
2023	General Surgery	Urgent	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	42	68	64	106
2024	Colorectal General Surgery	Routine	CGS New	378	519	568	714
2024	Colorectal General Surgery	Urgent	CGS New	30	25	14	41
2024	General Surgery	Routine	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	112	222	227	288
2024	General Surgery	Urgent	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	70	128	139	184
2025	Colorectal General Surgery	Routine	CGS New	112	692	730	787
2025	General Surgery	Routine	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	56	224	223	279
2025	General Surgery	Urgent	General Surgery Specialist Hernia New	26	149	137	233

Waiting times for Incisional Hernia Repair inpatient admission

Year	SPECIALTY	Priority Group	LOCAL_PROCEDURE	Completed Waits	Average Wait (Days)	Median Wait (Days)	90th Percentile Wait (Days)
2022	General Surgery	Routine	Incisional Hernia Repair	29	766	852	1148
2022	General Surgery	Urgent	Incisional Hernia Repair	32	253	58	846
2023	General Surgery	Routine	Incisional Hernia Repair	49	919	1000	1236
2023	General Surgery	Urgent	Incisional Hernia Repair	42	223	185	449
2024	General Surgery	Routine	Incisional Hernia Repair	53	788	768	885
2024	General Surgery	Urgent	Incisional Hernia Repair	34	248	141	637
2025	General Surgery	Routine	Incisional Hernia Repair	14	783	785	849
2025	General Surgery	Urgent	Incisional Hernia Repair	8	306	330	538

Notes

Year is based on the date the record was removed from the list

Completed seen waits only

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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