

Freedom of Information request 488-23

Request

- a) At 30 May 2023, how many people were currently on a waiting list for an orthopaedic operation? What were the figures for 30 May 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 ?
- b) What is the mean wait for orthopaedic operations? What was it in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022
- c) How many orthopaedic operations were carried out within NHS Borders in each of the last five years?, of these, how many were elective.
- d) At 30 May 2023, how many people were currently on a waiting list for a hip replacement? What were the figures for 30 May 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 ?
- e) What is the mean wait for hip operations? What was it in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022
- f) How many hip operations were carried out within NHS Borders in each of the last five years?
- g) How many FTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons are employed by the NHS Borders?
- h) How much was spent by the health board on orthopaedic operations in each of the last five years?
- i) What is the cost to the health board of carrying out a hip replacement?

Response

- a) The number of people on a waiting list for an Orthopaedic operation on 30 May of each year is:

On waiting list 30 May	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Orthopaedic Inpatients	356	469	755	884	895

- b) The mean wait for Orthopaedic operations(in weeks) is:

Average wait in weeks	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Orthopaedic Inpatients	11	18	35	43	49

Please note this is the average waited time for patients who have been treated from the elective waiting list

- c) The number of Orthopaedic operations carried out within NHS Borders is:

Orthopaedic specialty theatre cases	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Elective	1160	407	380	602	388
Non-Elective	804	555	660	534	336
Grand Total	1964	962	1040	1136	724

d) On 30 May of each year, the number of people on a waiting list for a Hip Replacement is:

On waiting list 30 May	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Orthopaedic Inpatients	81	95	203	187	191

e) The mean wait (in weeks) for a hip operation is:

Average wait in weeks	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Orthopaedic Inpatients	12	22	39	44	53

Please note this is the average waited time for patients who have been treated from the elective waiting list where the proposed procedure was a hip replacement

f) How many hip operations were carried out within NHS Borders in each of the last five years?

Orthopaedic specialty theatre cases (Hip Repl)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Elective	223	54	98	88	69
Non-Elective	78	76	63	76	50
Grand Total	301	130	161	164	119

g) There are 8.0 headcount / 8.0 FTE Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons employed by NHS Borders on 29 June 2023.

h) NHS Borders does not cost down to individual specialty levels and therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Under Section 15 (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance), the calculated cost of an inpatient Orthopaedics stay was £3,619 in 2018/19 and £3,712 in 2019/20 based on the Public Health Scotland Cost Book. 2019/20 was the last year NHS Boards were required to a full costing exercise due to the impact of COVID and therefore these costs are not available for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

i) NHS Borders does not cost down to individual specialty levels and therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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