

4 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 676-23

Request

1. In this health board, of those patients seen, what was the average waiting time for a knee or hip replacement in the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for 2022/23.
2. In this health board, of those patients seen, what was the longest waiting time for a knee or hip replacement in the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for 2022/23.
3. In this health board, of those patients currently on a waiting list, what is average waiting time for a knee or hip replacement?
4. In this health board, of those patients currently on a waiting list, what is longest waiting time for a knee or hip replacement?

Response

1. The average waiting time in weeks is:

	2022/23	2023/24
Knee Replacement	61	69
Hip Replacement	45	46

2. The longest waiting time in weeks is:

	2022/23	2023/24
Knee Replacement	166	182
Hip Replacement	167	146

3. The average waiting time is (at 18 September 2023):

Knee Replacement	41
Hip Replacement	32

4. The longest waiting time in weeks is (at 18 September 2023):

Knee Replacement	192
Hip Replacement	191

Please note: the figures in all questions include patients who declined surgery due to being unavailable e.g. due to holidays.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **676-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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