

FOI REF: 22/664

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. **How many patients are currently on the waiting list for elective surgery? Of these, how many have been waiting for**
 - i) **more than 6 months**

[1,989 Patients.](#)
 - ii) **more than twelve months**

[252 Patients.](#)
 - iii) **more than eighteen months.**

[1 Patient.](#)

2. **What was the average wait for elective surgery in the past three financial years**
 - i) **2021/22**
 - ii) **2020/21 and**
 - iii) **2019/20?**

Please see the table below for the average wait, within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, for elective surgery for the past three financial years:

Average Wait in Days	Day Case	Overnight Elective	All Elective Patients
2021/22	41.04	99.77	46.20
2020/21	46.29	108.50	52.13
2019/20	46.87	101.00	52.46

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3. Currently, what are the five longest waits for elective surgery at your trust?

If possible, please could I have this information broken down by the type of elective procedure e.g. a) knee replacement, b) hip replacement and c) cataract

Please see the table below for the five longest waits:

Specialty	Wait (days)	Procedure
Ear, Nose & Throat	550	Total Adenoidectomy
Ear, Nose & Throat	536	Excision of Lesion of Parathyroid Gland
Trauma & Orthopaedics	514	Caudal Epidural Injection
Ear, Nose & Throat	504	Bilateral Dissection Tonsillectomy
Trauma & Orthopaedics	503	Left Total Shoulder Replacement

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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