

FOI REF: 23/143

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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:

Please provide the longest period of time that a patient spent on an elective waiting list in each of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in each of the following categories:

- a) **Priority 1 (operation needed within 72 hours)**
- b) **Priority 2 (surgery which can be deferred for up to four weeks)**
- c) **Priority 3 (surgery which can be delayed for up to three months)**
- d) **Priority 4 (surgery which can be delayed for more than three months)**
- e) **Priority 5 (patients who have requested to remain on the waiting list but to defer treatment because of their concerns about Covid-19)**
- f) **Priority 6 (Patients who have been offered treatment but have declined to accept for non-Covid reasons, but still wish to remain on the waiting list)**
- g) **No priority assigned**

Please see the table below for the information requested above and note that 'Priority Values' were introduced April 2020, therefore we do not hold the data requested prior to this date:

Calendar Year	Priority				
	P1	P2	P3	P4	Null
	Number of days				
2020	47	177	205	228	-
2021	148	235	299	308	-
2022	33	230	314	329	-

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For 2022, please also include a description of the procedure in question for each priority.

Please see below for a description of the procedure, as requested:

Priority	Procedure
P1	Total abdominal hysterectomy NEC
P2	Endoscopic renewal of tubal prosthesis into ureter
P3	Surgical removal of impacted wisdom tooth
P4	Other specified other operations on temporomandibular joint

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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