

FOI REF: 23/126

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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:

**Could you please provide by return email, all information pertaining to:**

**1. How many patients are on elective care wait lists for Surgery, by surgery type?**

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed via the following link:

[Statistics » Consultant-led Referral to Treatment Waiting Times Data 2022-23 \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/consultant-led-referral-to-treatment-waiting-times-data-2022-23/)

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

**2. How many patients are on elective care wait lists for Diagnostic, by speciality type?**

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed via the following link:

[Statistics » Monthly Diagnostics Data 2022-23 \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/monthly-diagnostics-data-2022-23/)

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**3. How many patients are on elective care wait lists for Outpatient, by speciality type?**

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**4. Of those on the wait lists, how many patients have exceeded the 18-week referral to treatment wait?**

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**5. How many patients had surgery cancelled and was not re-booked within 28 days?**

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[Statistics » Cancelled Elective Operations Data \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations-data/)

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

**6. Could you breakdown question 5 by surgery type please?**

| Specialty             | No.      |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Trauma & Orthopaedics | 3        |
| Gynaecology           | 2        |
| Ophthalmology         | 1        |
| Urology               | 1        |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>7</b> |

7. How much money did your Trust spend on insourcing or outsourcing, by surgery type, from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022?

Zero, no surgical services were insourced or outsourced for the period requested.

8. What was your Theatre utilisation by month in 2022?

| Month     | Theatre Utilisation |
|-----------|---------------------|
| January   | 73.20%              |
| February  | 75.81%              |
| March     | 74.60%              |
| April     | 73.27%              |
| May       | 78.87%              |
| June      | 75.78%              |
| July      | 73.02%              |
| August    | 74.45%              |
| September | 77.17%              |
| October   | 74.32%              |
| November  | 76.72%              |
| December  | 72.65%              |

9. Who was the Manager responsible for each service wait lists? What is their name and job title?

|                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ophthalmology             | Sharon Ball - Service Manager    |
| ENT & Max Fax             | Vacant                           |
| Urology/Vascular/Plastics | Louise Simpson - Service Manager |
| Orthopaedics              | Debra East - Service Manager     |
| Gen Surgery/Breast        | Naomi Cording - Service Manager  |
| Endoscopy                 | Susan Winser - Service Manager   |

10. Who was the Manager responsible for the elective recovery plan? What is their name and job title?

Abigail Jago, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, was the person responsible for the elective recovery plan, during the period requested above.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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