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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 could you provide me with the waitlist for hysterectomy surgery at the Conquest hospital, broken down by consultant and open (abdominal)/laparoscopic?

At the time of writing, the waiting list for hysterectomy surgery at Conquest Hospital is as follows:

50 Weeks+	3
40 Weeks+	11
30 Weeks+	24
20 Weeks+	18
10 Weeks+	21
0-9 Weeks	24

All patients on the waiting list, irrespective of whether the pending surgery is an open or laparoscopic procedure, are pooled rather than assigned to and held by individual Consultants. Patients will have their surgery with the next appropriate Consultant who has availability; this is to try and ensure fairness and equity of opportunity. Patients can specify a wish to see a specific Consultant however, this may result in a longer wait.

Patients who have been assessed as clinically appropriate to have a totally-laparoscopic hysterectomy (TLH) and who chose to have a TLH will have the surgery with one of the three benign Gynaecology Surgeons.

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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