

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

Could you please provide the following information regarding your Orthopaedic services and Arthroplasty procedures?

- Do you test patients for UTIs prior to arthroplasty surgery?

Yes

- If so, how long before surgery do you carry out the test?

Dipped during pre-operative assessment which is valid for 90 days. Generally pre-assessed just before their operation (c2 weeks). It is also worth noting that it was agreed that this would cease 2019 but this was suspended along with our operating in March 2020. With the return of In-Patient elective activity, this will cease again in accordance with NICE guidelines - s1.7 ([Recommendations | Routine preoperative tests for elective surgery | Guidance | NICE](#)).

- How many Arthroplasty procedures did you carry out between January 2019 – January 2020?

There were 2738 finished consultant episodes between 01/01/2019 and 31/01/2020 where arthroplasty was coded.

Attachments included: No