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Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply extract

You asked

1. **What percentage of patients referred for hip replacement receive surgery within the quoted target of 20 weeks from GP referral.**
2. **How many patients wait 45 weeks or longer for hip replacement surgery?**

Our reply

Please find attached figures– as there were no date parameters provided by you, we have based the query on the last three financial years and this current financial year up to Aug 31st.

Please note that the numbers of patients treated in the 45th week or over are a subset of the number of patients treated in 21st week or over (i.e. – the figures of 2, 11 and 3 are also counted in the previous 21 weeks or over category).

The poor performance in the financial year 15/16 can broadly be summarised as being down to the pressures PHNT was under, in terms of volumes of emergency admissions and the subsequent cancellation of many elective operations.

PHNT - Elective Hip Replacement Surgery

Based on Main Op Codes of ('W371','W381','W391','W931','W941','W951')

Number of patients treated by week 20 and number treated over 44 weeks

Weeks Category	FY 1314	FY 1415	FY 1516	Apr 16 - Aug 16
Number of patients treated in 20th week or less	293	206	100	90
20th week or less %	91.56%	74.64%	34.01%	60.81%
Number of patients treated in 21st	27	68	183	55

week or over				
Number of patients treated in 45th week or over	-	Five or fewer	11	Five or fewer
45th week or over %	-	0.72%	3.74%	2.03%
Total number of patients treated	320	276	294	148

Legal notes

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of section 40.-(3)(a)(i), the personal information exemption as described in the Freedom of Information Act. A detailed rationale is provided in the attached document L3.

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