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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 regarding our 2<sup>nd</sup> response for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) on hip and knee joint replacements.

On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 you emailed:

Thank you for sending across this data. As per the original request, please can you breakdown the data in the attached **by month from April 2018 to March 2019** for both hip and knee, rather than just the total time period?

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 you emailed:

*“As per the request, we are looking for a breakdown of data for both hip and knee replacements across the categories outlined.*

*This data is not available online via the links provided. Would you be able to provide separate lists of a) hip and b) knee replacements that were delivered in the following timelines?*

- 18 weeks or less (i.e. greater than 0 weeks and less than or equal to 18 weeks)
- Between 18 and 26 weeks (i.e. greater than 18 weeks and less than or equal to 26 weeks)
- Between 26 and 52 weeks (i.e. greater than 26 weeks and less than or equal to 52 weeks)
- More than 52 weeks (i.e. greater than 52 weeks)
- Total

*Let me know if you have any questions on this, and we look forward to your Trust's reply”.*

We contacted you via email as we required the following clarification:

1. Which OPCS codes are you referring to for Hips and Knees?
2. Can you clarify what you mean by ‘Delivered’ for example is this undergone a procedure, still waiting etc. as RTT usually refers to those patients still waiting

On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 you replied via email with the following:

*“In terms of codes, W371 is the relevant clinical code for primary hip replacements. Any one of W523', 'W532', 'W533', 'W542', 'W543', 'W572', 'W574', 'W582' in conjunction with any of 'Z843', 'Z761', 'Z756' are also applicable.*

*For knee replacements, the code is O181 is the relevant code. Any one of 'O188', 'O189', 'W401', 'W408', 'W409', 'W411', 'W418', 'W419', 'W421', 'W428', 'W429' Or any of 'W521', 'W531', 'W541', 'W581' in conjunction with any of 'Z846', 'Z765', 'Z845', 'Z844', 'Z774', 'Z787' are also applicable.*

*By ‘Delivered’, we mean how many a) hip and b) knee replacements have been carried out and completed within the time periods requested – ie have undergone the procedure”.*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Please provide a list of:**

- (a) Hip
- (b) Knee replacements recorded under the consultant-led referral-to-treatment category Trauma and Orthopaedics that were delivered in the following timeframes from referral to treatment for University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust by month from April 2018 to March 2019.

- 18 weeks or less (i.e. greater than 0 weeks and less than or equal to 18 weeks)
- Between 18 and 26 weeks (i.e. greater than 18 weeks and less than or equal to 26 weeks)
- Between 26 and 52 weeks (i.e. greater than 26 weeks and less than or equal to 52 weeks)
- More than 52 weeks (i.e. greater than 52 weeks)
- Total

A1 UHNM has reviewed your request but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2019-20/>

\*Please note RTT and Waiting Times reporting is nationally provided at Specialty level and not per individual procedure.

12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 amended response:

With regard to this part of your request, we regret to inform you that University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust takes the view that some of this information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 41(1)(a) and (b) of the 2000 Act. The reason why the Trust takes this view is because the numbers are low. With this, and any other publicly available information, the public could identify the deceased or other living persons identifiable through association.

In addition we are also applying Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers, and have provided this below.

*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.*

Type	Month	18 Weeks or Less	Between 18 and 26	Between 26 and 52
Hip	Apr-18	<5	<5	<5
	May-18	10	<5	<5
	Jun-18	<5	<5	<5
	Jul-18	<5	0	<5

	Aug-18	<5	<5	<5
	Sep-18	<5	0	<5
	Oct-18	5	0	0
	Nov-18	8	<5	0
	Dec-18	6	0	0
	Jan-19	<5	<5	<5
	Feb-19	10	2	0
	Mar-19	5	0	<5
Knee	Apr-18	37	15	9
	May-18	30	16	16
	Jun-18	36	10	14
	Jul-18	43	9	6
	Aug-18	45	13	6
	Sep-18	44	8	5
	Oct-18	43	11	<5
	Nov-18	67	7	<5
	Dec-18	40	14	<5
	Jan-19	58	12	<5
	Feb-19	64	10	5
	Mar-19	33	15	5

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Amended response**

Using the relevant clinical codes provided by yourself and broken down into the time bands the totals for 2018 are as follows:

Type	Waiting Band				Overall Total
	18 Weeks or Less	Between 18 and 26 Weeks	Between 26 and 52 Weeks	More than 52 Weeks	
Hip	65	12	12	0	89
Knee	540	140	71	0	751
	605	152	83	0	840

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

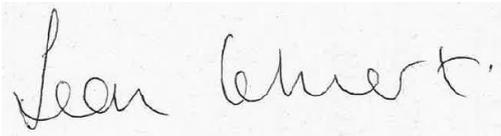
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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