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REQUEST & RESPONSE

The Patients Association is a national independent health and social care charity which listens to the experiences of patients and speaks up for change. We continue to hear via our Helpline and through our own research that there are regional variations in waiting times for certain elective surgical procedures. We have undertaken this exercise over the previous four years and continue to monitor the situation.

In response to this we are carrying out a report into the waiting times for 10 standard procedures across NHS trusts in England. These procedures are:

1. Hip
2. Knee
3. Hernia
4. Adenoid
5. Gallstone
6. Tonsillectomy
7. Myringotomies
8. Varicose veins
9. Carpal tunnel syndrome
10. Cataract

1. Which Regional/Area Team does your hospital belong to?

Please tick ONE of the following 4 options:

- North of England
- Midlands and East of England
- London
- South of England

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2. Please set out the number of individual elective procedures that took place in your Trust in 2013 for the following categories –

- I. Hip replacement

332

II.	Knee replacements	399
III.	Hernia Operations	548
IV.	Adenoid Operations	6
V.	Gallstone operations	490
VI.	Tonsillectomies	230
VII.	Myringotomies	117
VIII.	Varicose veins	20
IX.	Carpal tunnel syndrome	214
X.	Cataract operations	1873

3. Please set out the average waiting time (in days), within your trust, for each of the following procedures in 2013 –

I.	Hip replacements	94
II.	Knee replacements	93
III.	Hernia Operations	92
IV.	Adenoid Operations	122
V.	Gallstone operations	77
VI.	Tonsillectomies	87
VII.	Myringotomies	82

VIII.	Varicose veins	116
IX.	Carpal tunnel syndrome	78
X.	Cataract operations	106

4. Please set out the number of patients who waited for longer than 6 months, within your trust, for each of the following procedures in 2013 – (Only include cases where clock was running)

i.	Hip replacements	6
ii.	Knee replacements	8
iii.	Hernia Operations	11
iv.	Adenoid Operations	*
v.	Gallstone operations	*
vi.	Tonsillectomies	*
vii.	Myringotomies	*
viii.	Varicose veins	*
ix.	Carpal tunnel syndrome	*
x.	Cataract operations	16

*Less than 5. We are unable to provide the exact information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved within the local area due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.