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From: MP
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Subject: Waiting times for elective operations

REQUEST

Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

This request concerns waiting times and cancellations for elective operations.

I am seeking information for **hip replacement, knee replacement and cataract operations and hernia operations**, for the last five financial years.

For each question I am seeking information for each of the following time periods:

- i) 2013/14
- ii) 2014/15
- iii) 2015/16
- iv) 2016/17
- v) 2017/18 to date (most recent data available)

1. How many a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations were cancelled for non-clinical reasons in the 48 hours before a patient was due to be admitted in each of the last five financial years?
2. What was the average waiting time (from referral to treatment to admission date) for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?
3. On average how many extra days did patients wait for surgery beyond the 18 week limit for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?

4. What were the five longest waits for a) hip replacements b) knee replacements c) cataract operations and d) hernia operations in each of the last five financial years?

I should prefer to receive these in electronic format at this email address.

RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.