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Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 17 May 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Please can you tell me whether the trust allows patients to self-fund for any of the following procedures?

- A. Hip replacements -** Yes
B. Knee replacements - Yes
C. Cataracts – The Trust has never undertaken any Cataract procedures for private patients.

2. If yes to all or part of question 1, please can you tell me how much the trust charges for:

- A. Hip replacements –** £4,947 (implant extra charge)
B. Knee replacements – £3,488 (implant extra charge)
C. Cataracts – N/A

(Please provide fees for any of the procedures which can be self-funded at the trust)

Patients are charged in line with the theatre category in which the procedure should fall into, with an additional charge for bed stay.

Professional fees are invoiced separate to the Trusts billing process.

THEATRE PROCEDURES BY HOSPITAL CATEGORY ACCORDING TO BUPA BANDING	
disposable will be added accordingly	
Disposable Kit	£ 327
Minor	£ 261
Intermediate	£ 491
Major	£ 884
Major +	£ 1,065
CMO 1	£ 1,673
CMO 2	£ 1,721
CMO 3	£ 1,822
CMO 4	£ 1,910
CMO 5	£ 1,999
Theatre Time: (per hour over run)	£ 134

WARD ACCOMMODATION FOR PRIVATE ADMISSIONS	
Per Day on a shared ward	£ 354
Day Bed Unit shared ward	£ 305
Ensuite side room (available only in the treatment centre)	£ 421
Ensuite side room (Daycase) (available only in the treatment centre)	£ 315

3. Please state the average waiting time (as of May 2018) for patients who self-fund for

- A. Hip replacements –** Variable according to available theatre space
- B. Knee replacements –** Variable according to available theatre space
- C. Cataracts –** N/A

4. Please state the average waiting time (as of May 2018) for patients who have the following treatments provided by the NHS at the trust:

- A. Hip replacements –** Approx 35 weeks – data largely unavailable currently due to e-care and system function
- B. Knee replacements -** Approx 35 weeks – data largely unavailable currently due to e-care and system function
- C. Cataracts –** N/A

5. Has the trust always enabled patients to self-fund or has it only been introduced recently, eg past five years? I understand this may be difficult to answer.

There has been changing directive on this over the years. The rule of thumb that is now followed is that if the Trust can deliver self-pay/privately insured cases around NHS work without any negative effect then we do this, if there is a negative effect – usually due to resources available, then this work will be suspended. Typically the Trust does not allow private/self-funded work in the “winter” to enable us to tackle the NHS pressures that are occurring.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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