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FOI - 7571 - Physiotherapy Referrals

Questions	Notes/Comments	Response		
		1st June 2019 - 31st May 2020	1st June 2020 - 31st May 2021	1st June 2021 - 31st May 2022
Q1.Total number of referrals for physiotherapy for each period	Included is the total number of referrals to Physiotherapy between 1st June 2019 and 31st May 2022	8767	7430	8101
Q2 & Q3.Number of people on the waiting list for routine and urgent physiotherapy at the end of each period	<p>The Trust holds waiting list data as per national requirements and is obliged to report incomplete consultant led RTT waiting times. However, this is not the case for non-consultant led services such as Physiotherapy and therefore historic data relating to patients waiting for routine Physiotherapy is not held so unfortunately it is not possible to answer this question within the limitations outlined by the Information Commissioner's Office guide to Freedom of Information requests.</p> <p>Regarding urgent referrals, the same applies in that the historic data is not held but urgent referrals will always be treated as a priority.</p>			
Q4. Average waiting time in days for routine physiotherapy following referral for each period	Patients referred for a routine Physiotherapy appointment are in principle managed in date order. However, the nature of the service means that the time from referral to first treatment depends on each individual patient's condition and the clinician's judgement. The waiting time is therefore characterised by each patient's clinical need and this is likely to vary for each patient. This means there is a significant risk in providing an average waiting time as it would likely be a misleading representation of waiting times for the range of Physiotherapy services offered at this Trust.			