

FOI - 7865- Waits and Deaths

Questions	Notes/Comments					
<p>4. The longest period of time that a patient spent on a waiting list for a non urgent operation in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. For each year.</p>	<p>The Trust reports the number of patients who are waiting at any given moment in time (usually at the end of the month for national reporting) the length of time the patient has waited based on RTT (referral to treatment) rules; the length of time waited at any given moment in time is characterised by the events associated with the patient pathway and these events; the consequential impact can therefore be different for each patient, and there is a significant risk the length of time waited at any given moment in time may be skewed. It is our understanding that the information requested in this particular question is referring to those patients treated and providing an indicative time taken between the date the patient is referred to the hospital and the date the patient receives their definitive treatment. As each patient pathway is unique and characterised by the nuances in terms of events in the pathway which could impact the length of time they have waited from when they are referred, providing RTT waiting time over certain amounts of time would be misleading. Furthermore, waiting list data has the intended procedure the patient is due to have and this may not always be the actual final procedure a patient has when they undergo treatment and therefore aligning treatment with waiting list data retrospectively is extremely difficult and fraught with challenges, particularly where a patient may be waiting for multiple and different treatments.</p>					
	Notes/Comments	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<p>5. The numbers of patients removed from outpatient or elective care waiting lists with a removal reason of death, for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.</p>	<p>Included in the count are all patients who were recorded with an Elective Admission List Removal Reason Code of 3 (Patient Died) whilst on an outpatient or elective care waiting list at MKUH between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2022.</p> <p>Please note each patient is counted only once even if they appeared on more than one waiting list.</p>	206	232	260	281	258