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## FOI - 8095 - Urology Procedures and Outpatients

Questions	Notes/Comments	Response											
		May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
<b>Q1. Breakdown of the number of patients per month for the last 12 months that have come in for a procedure</b>	<p>Included are the total number of procedures, both elective and non-elective, undertaken in Theatres under the Urology speciality between 1st May 2022 and 30th April 2023.</p> <p>Please note that where a patient undergoes more than one procedure over the specified time period, each procedure will be included in the data. The data includes diagnostic procedures, as well as treatment.</p>	188	152	162	145	159	162	168	136	177	151	180	140
<b>Q2. The date they were referred</b>	<p>Not all patients undergoing a procedure will have had the procedure booked following a referral. Under RTT guidance, a procedure can be booked following a period of active monitoring and in the case of some diagnostic procedures patients may not be on an active RTT pathway as they continue to be actively monitoring. It is therefore not possible to provide an answer to this question.</p>												
<b>Q3. When they were operated on</b>	See Q1.	See Q1.											
<b>Q4. Average waiting time per month between referral date of procedure</b>	<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. It is therefore not possible to provide an answer to this question.</p>												
<b>Q5. Do they have outpatient appointments? If so, how many?</b>	Included are the total number of appointments scheduled for dates between 1st May 2022 and 30th April 2023 under the Urology speciality codes 101 and 211, for patients who underwent a procedure in Theatres under the Urology speciality over the same time period.	444	545	451	533	520	541	567	544	566	443	500	342
<b>Q6. The number of missed or DNA appointments for the department</b>	Included are the total number appointments scheduled under the Urology speciality codes 101 and 211 for dates between 1st May 2022 and 30th April 2023, that were not attended by the patient.	67	85	59	64	61	59	71	73	89	58	61	56
<b>Q7. Number of face to face vs virtual appointments.</b>	Included are the total number of face to face outpatient appointments scheduled under the Urology speciality codes 101 and 211 for dates between 1st May 2022 and 30th April 2023.	<b>Face To Face</b>											
	Included are the total number of virtual outpatient appointments scheduled under the Urology speciality codes 101 and 211 for dates between 1st May 2022 and 30th April 2023.	<b>Virtual</b>											
		826	1039	878	977	866	901	1033	879	971	860	884	828
		485	553	385	544	626	603	532	519	532	468	388	305