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### ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

Your trust regularly contacts patients to ask whether they wish to remain on general surgery waiting lists.

#### **1) Please confirm whether this is a policy requirement of NHS England.**

It is good waiting list management practice to routinely check if patients still requirement treatment etc. This is in line with NHS E's policies

#### **2) Please confirm the number of patients who have been removed from general surgery waiting lists since 1 June 2024 as a result of the policy.**

There is a number of reasons why patients are removed from the waiting list, and whilst we are able to obtain the overarching number of removals / did not respond, we will not be able to state how many were removed following us making contact with them.

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

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Administrator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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