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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 22nd October 2020. Your request sought information relating to knee replacement surgery.

Please note that we have provided information for the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

1. Number of patients diagnosed as needing partial or full knee replacement surgery

The current number of patients waiting for surgery is 1088.

2. Number of patients who have undergone full or partial knee replacement surgery

Please note we have provided the number of admissions for a full or partial knee replacement. Some patients may have been admitted more than once therefore will be counted each time in the figures below.

2017 - 574
2018 - 577
2019 - 659

3. Number of patients who have sought prior approval for full or partial knee surgery at a facility elsewhere in the European Economic Area, (outside of the UK), for full or partial knee replacement surgery

2017 - <5*
2018 - 14



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2019 - 8

4. Number of patients who have sought prior approval for full or partial knee replacement surgery at a facility known as 'Nordorthopaedics', Lithuania

2017 - <5*

2018 - 7

2019 - <5*

5. Number of patients approved for full or partial knee replacement surgery at a facility elsewhere in the European Economic Area (outside of the UK)

2017 - <5*

2018 - 14

2019 - 8

6. Number of patients who have been approved for full or partial knee replacement surgery at a facility known as 'Nordorthopaedics', Lithuania

2017 - <5*

2018 - 7

2019 - <5*

7. Average waiting time for full or partial knee surgery

As at 31st October 2020 the average waiting time was 70.7 weeks.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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