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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011259

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 09/10/2012 in connection with 'Elective operations/turnaround times in theatres'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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Please find the responses to your request in turn below:

2010/11 financial year in full
2011/12 financial year in full
2012/13 YTD activity (April-July inclusive)

And to the following surgical specialties:

Ear Nose Throat
General Surgery
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Orthopaedics
Urology
Ophthalmology
Gynaecology

1. How many elective operations were completed for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.

Please see attached response

2. How many elective operating sessions were completed (with an all day session being counted as two, and three session operating days counted as three) for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.

Please see attached response

3. Average turnaround time in theatres (time between one patient leaving theatre and the next being in the anaesthetic room/theatre) for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.

The Trust does not routinely report on the data in the format requested see attached response.

4. Total number of elective operations cancelled on the day of admission for both reportable and non reportable reasons for each specialty during each time periods outlined above.

To obtain this information would require reports to be run from two systems, which both work in different ways. The new system came into use April 2012. The data would then need to be validated manually and reviewed with a check list by a specialist in this field. This information would then only provide reportable reasons for cancellation. To obtain the information alone for reportable reasons from the weekly statistics for the years requested would take longer than 18 hours.

5. Elective theatre DNA percentage for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.

Please see attached response.

6. How do you measure theatre utilisation (method)

Please see attached response.

7. Percentage theatre utilisation for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.

Please see attached response.

8. Percentage theatre utilisation based on first patient into anaesthetic room versus last patient out of theatre for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.

Please see question on the attached response

9. How do you measure theatre late starts.

Please see the attached response.

10. Percentage of elective theatre sessions that started late for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.

Please find attached data for 2011/12 and 2012/13 however the Trust does not hold the data in the same reported format for 2010/2011.

Please see attached response.

11. Percentage of each elective theatre session that started 10 minutes or greater after the scheduled start time for each specialty during each of the three time periods outlined above.
Please see question 10