

Waiting List For Elective Surgery – Eastern area of Trust

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

- 1) What was the average wait for elective surgery in i) 2021 ii) 2020 and iii) 2019?.

2019: 11.5 weeks

2020: 14 weeks

2021: 21 weeks

*** Average waiting time taken from the point of decision to admit date up to Hospital admission start date**

- 2) How many patients are currently on the waiting list for elective surgery? Of these, how many have been waiting for i) more than 6 months ii) more than twelve months c) more than eighteen months.

This information is available on the NHS England web page related to RTT waiting times:- links can be found as follows

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/?s=RTT+waiting+times>

Statistics » Consultant-led Referral to Treatment Waiting Times Data 2021-22 (england.nhs.uk). Download Incomplete Provider file and look the Trust results in the Provider with DTA tab.

- 3) What are the five longest waits for elective surgery?

If possible, please could i have this information broken down by the type of elective procedure e.g. a) knee replacement b) hip replacement and c) cataract

Please see Excel attachment for 5 the individual longest waits in weeks within patients currently on the surgical waiting list (defined as patients on an open RTT pathway and with a decision to admit to date for a surgical procedure)

surgical procedure name	Wait since DTA	Specialty
L5/S1 ANTERIOR LUMBAR INTERBODY FUSION AND POSTERIOR INSTRUMENTED FUSION	167	Orthopaedics
AF ABLATION WITH RF	165	Cardiology
STAGED REVISION ACL RECONSTRUCTION	163	Orthopaedics
PARTIAL KNEE REPLACEMENT - PATELLO-FEMORAL	162	Orthopaedics
AF ABLATION WITH RF	159	Cardiology