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### Mastectomy reconstruction

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:*

*1a) Divided by month, how long the waiting list is for getting a breast reconstruction after a mastectomy from January 2016 to July 2023 (or the most up-to-date data)?*

*1b) Please divide this information according to different types of breast reconstruction i.e. implant, LD flap, DIEP flap*

<u>The longest wait in weeks for getting a Breast Reconstruction after a Mastectomy</u>	Year								
<u>Month</u>	2016 Longest wait - weeks	2017 - Longest wait - weeks	2018 - Longest wait - weeks	2019 - Longest wait - weeks	2020 - Longest wait - weeks	2021 - Longest wait - weeks	2022 - Longest wait - weeks	2023 - Longest wait - weeks	<u>Total Longest wait (weeks)</u>
January									86
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	3	2	7	9	4	86	62		86
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC		5	6				10		10
Other Surgery	11	7	5	4	4	1	22	6	22
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC		4	4		1				4
Reconstruction of breast using				2					2

free transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap									
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle	8	3	1	4			35		35
February									40
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	5	23	9	4	1	7	33	4	33
Other Surgery	6	5	40	7	32	23	19	9	40
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC				3	1			14	14
Reconstruction of breast using local flap of skin NEC			2			20			20
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle							8		8
(blank)		3							3
March									88
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	9	47	3	8	1	61	43	11	61
Breast reconstruction - Unspecified						2		3	3
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC		3				18		4	18
Other Surgery	3	6	7	3	10	88	17	15	88
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC		2		2		2	0		2
Reconstruction of breast using free transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap	4			4					4
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous	2	7				27			27

flap of latissimus dorsi muscle									
Revision of reconstruction of breast	4								4
(blank)				2	10				10
April									82
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	1	26		4		81	18	9	81
Breast reconstruction - Unspecified						24			24
Insertion of breast prosthesis into pre-pectoral space								1	1
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC		3						1	3
Other Surgery	9	6	6	10	2	5	6	7	10
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC		13	3				3		13
Reconstruction of breast using free transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap	22								22
Reconstruction of breast using local flap of skin NEC						2			2
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle				2		8	7		8
Reconstruction of breast using pedicled transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap				1					1
Revision of reconstruction of breast		82							82
May									74
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	5	5	6	5		25	36	8	36

Breast reconstruction - Unspecified	1					7	54	1	54
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC						1			1
Other Surgery	3	17	3	4	2	5	24	8	24
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC		74	8					2	74
Reconstruction of breast using free transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap				3					3
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle		9					5		9
(blank)			8		0				8
June									76
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	2	4			2	76	33		76
Breast reconstruction - Unspecified				3					3
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC	3	1					2		3
Other Surgery	12	5	18	2	2	44	27	3	44
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC	1		22			2			22
Reconstruction of breast using local flap of skin NEC				3					3
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle				2					2
(blank)				15					15
July									67
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	1	3	2	9	5	33	46		46

Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC		10		2					10
Other Surgery	3	3	4	27	10	67	27	1	67
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC			17				10		17
Reconstruction of breast using local flap of skin NEC					8				8
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle	5		5			9	17		17
August									86
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	14	7	1	7	86	32	1		86
Breast reconstruction - Unspecified							3		3
Other Surgery	7	5	3	4	4	69	18		69
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC			3			18			18
Reconstruction of breast using local flap of skin NEC				2	0				2
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle	13	3	2						13
(blank)		3							3
September									104
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	2	4	34	10	104	4	12		104
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC		3		2	33				33
Other Surgery	9	3	8	65	67	11	26		67
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric			0						0

perforator flap NEC									
Reconstruction of breast using free transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap			2						2
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle	2		2						2
(blank)				1	2				2
October									89
Breast reconstruction - Other specified		4	5	6	2	3	32		32
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC			3		16				16
Other Surgery	6	4	6	4	34	89	33		89
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC	6	7			2	2			7
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle	7		4						7
November									29
Breast reconstruction - Other specified	8	1		4	8	19	7		19
Breast reconstruction - Unspecified		1							1
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC					2				2
Other Surgery	7	1	27	8	25	16	29		29
Reconstruction of breast using free deep inferior epigastric perforator flap NEC	22			2	19				22
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle	3		1	3		14			14
December									56

Breast reconstruction - Other specified	6	19	3	7		4	3		19
Breast reconstruction - Unspecified			5						5
Insertion of prosthesis for breast NEC		4		6					6
Other Surgery	3	9	4	9	56	30	5		56
Reconstruction of breast using myocutaneous flap of latissimus dorsi muscle		2	4			14			14
<b>Longest wait (weeks)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>104</b>

*2) Divided by month, how many people are on the waiting list for breast reconstruction after a mastectomy from January 2016 to July 2023 (or the most up-to-date data)?*

<b>The amount of people on the waiting list for Breast Reconstruction after a Mastectomy</b>	<b>Year</b>							
<b>Month</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
January	12	17	18	14	9	10	19	8
February	16	12	9	16	14	14	13	10
March	16	18	13	11	21	26	15	21
April	11	17	12	10	12	15	12	14
May	8	14	14	14	7	11	17	17
June	14	14	13	16	8	16	27	7
July	13	8	12	23	15	26	23	*<5
August	14	16	11	15	8	19	14	
September	14	12	24	20	13	17	21	
October	13	23	14	10	18	10	22	
November	13	5	11	15	14	22	18	
December	12	15	9	19	10	12	10	

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In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

3a) *What date did the trust stop performing reconstructions at the same time as mastectomies during the pandemic?* 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

3b) *What date did the trust start offering reconstructions at the same time as mastectomies again?* Initially, Implant procedure (only) was offered again. This commenced 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020.