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Subject: Waiting times for elective surgery

Q1 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
iii) more than eighteen months.

A1 Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

This information is available through NHS England via the following link-

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2022-23/>

Q2 What was the average wait for elective surgery in the past three financial years:
i) 2021/22
ii) 2020/21
iii) 2019/20?

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This information is available through NHS England via the following links-

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2019-20/#Mar20>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2020-21/#Mar21>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2021-22/#Mar22>

Q3 Currently, what are the five longest waits for elective surgery at your trust? 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

A3 The procedures with the longest median waits are currently:

- Multiple Dental Extractions
- Posterior Instrumentation to Spine
- Examination Under Anaesthetic of Mouth
- Restoration of part of tooth using filling
- Extraction Of Single Tooth

