

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_386_17

You asked:

- 1. Have referral policies changed for elective procedures for patients who are obese (with a BMI of 30 or above)?**

No.

- 2. Have referral policies changed for elective procedures for patients who smoke?**

No.

- 3. Are you considering changing referral policies for elective procedures for patients who are obese?**

No.

- 4. Are you considering changing referral policies for elective procedures for patients who smoke?**

No.

- 5. If yes to any of the above what has the change been or what change are you considering?**

N/A.

- 6. What is the current average wait from referral to treatment for elective hip replacements for patients who are obese or smoke?**

Whilst we can provide the average wait for elective hip replacements (please see table below), we are unable to differentiate the waits for those patients who are obese or smoke. These specific details would be recorded within the individual's health record and not recorded centrally.

Please note, that as the submission of waiting times by procedure is not required centrally, the information shown in the table below has been derived from the clinical condition identified on the referral module which is not a mandatory field.

Average Wait for Elective Hip Replacements	
Number of patients on waiting list at 30.11.17	264
Average wait in weeks	19.0

7. What is the current average wait from referral to treatment for elective hip replacements for patients who are not obese and do not smoke?

Please Note response to question 6 above.