

Reference:	FOI.6566.21
Subject:	Elective knee and hip operations
Date of Request:	29 July 2021

Requested:

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request about elective knee and hip operations during 2019, 2020 and 2021, and would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1. How may elective hip and knee replacements have taken place in your Health Board in 2021, broken down by month?
2. How many elective hip and knee replacements were undertaken through the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee contract for independent sector capacity between March 2020 and December 2020, broken down by month?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the tables overleaf, the number of elective hip and knee operations undertaken, by month, during the period 1 January to 31 July 2021.

Month	Hip	Knee
January 2021	5	0
February 2021	7	0
March 2021	2	0
April 2021	2	0
May 2021	16	4
June 2021	16	9
July 2021	3	1

Please note: Recent figures may be subject to change, due to a standard coding backlog of up to three months, due to the pandemic.

2. The UHB does not hold the information requested. We therefore suggest that you contact the Freedom of Information Team in Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) who may be able to provide the information required. Contact details are as follows:-

WHSSC.GeneralEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk or Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee, Unit G1, The Willowford, Main Avenue, Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, CF37 5YL.