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Subject:	Orthopaedic procedures
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Requested:

Can you please supply me with the following information.

1. How many hip and knee replacements have been conducted in PPH in the last six months, or the last six months that are available.
2. How many of the above patients have had the procedures done in private hospitals with HDUHB paying and where.
3. How many patients are waiting for hip/knee operations within your health board and at which hospitals.
4. How long have they waited for these procedures?
5. How many patients have been waiting for 12 months and 24 months or more for the above procedures?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients that received knee replacements in Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) during the requested timeframe, due to the low number of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of information Act 2000 (FoIA). This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/UK GDPR define personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data, or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

However, the UHB can confirm that fourteen (14) elective hip replacement surgeries were undertaken in PPH during the period 1 July to 31 December 2021.

Please note:- The period taken for the above figures is to capture a full six (6) months' worth of data, as there is a standard clinical coding backlog of up to three (3) months

2. The UHB confirms that all of the surgeries in response to question 1, were undertaken in PPH; therefore, none were undertaken in a private hospital.
3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients waiting for both hip and knee operations, by hospital, as recorded at 15 April 2022.

Hospital	Number waiting
Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)	67
PPH	353
Withybush General Hospital (WGH)	183

4. & 5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of weeks that patients have been waiting for both hip and knee operations, as at 15 April 2022.

Weeks waiting	BGH	PPH	WGH
0 to 12 weeks	6	40	16
13 to 25 weeks	8	35	16
26 to 51 weeks	16	82	26
52 to 103 weeks	13	83	35
104 weeks or more	24	113	90