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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6237

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 21st March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

Information related to the procedure Anterior cervical discectomy and fusion (ACDF)

How many people are currently waiting for this procedure?

[23 patients currently on inpatient waiting list for ACDF \(OPCS V221\) as at 21st March 2024.](#)

How many days on average have they been waiting? (mean median and mode)

What is the average time (in days) people who have had the procedure had been waiting? (mean median and mode)

What is the range on both these averages? i.e. the minimum and maximum times

All days should be calendar days not working days.

[How many days on average have they been waiting?](#)

[Mean = 168 Days, Median = 151 Days, Mode = 51 Days](#)

[What is the average time \(in days\) people who have had the procedure had been waiting?](#)

[Mean = 123.1 Days, Median = 103 Days, Mode = 67 Days, Maximum = 463 Days, Minimum = 5 Days \(based on period 1st October 2023 to date\)](#)

What is the average number of times this procedure has been done each month between the dates 1st October 2023 to end of March 2024 (or to date)?

[19.3 per month](#)

How many different consultants have performed this procedure in the last 6 months.

[15](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6237 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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