



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ82105

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Dear Angela,

I am writing in response to WQ82105: Will the Minister detail the number of elective hip and knee replacements that have taken place in each health board broken down by month for the last 24 months?

The need to focus on the pandemic response, to ensure people with coronavirus receive life-saving treatment, has inevitably had a significant impact on planned procedures, such as elective hip and knee replacements. Planned procedures were postponed at the start of the pandemic to ensure the NHS was able to respond to the pandemic.

During the second wave health boards have tried to balance restoring elective activity where local circumstances allow, whilst also responding to winter and pandemic pressures.

Just like all other parts of society, the NHS has had to introduce measures to protect people from the risk of contracting coronavirus and these measures have also had an impact on the amount of planned activity the NHS can provide – for example, a reduced number of outpatient appointments are being provided because of the need to introduce enhanced cleaning arrangements between appointments.

It has not been possible to see and treat the same numbers of patients as before the pandemic due to the physical changes and safety arrangements in place to ensure patients and staff are protected, and these protective measures will need to continue for some time.

Within health boards, staff who work on coding the information contained in the medical notes were also been deployed to other roles. This will impact on the quality and completeness of data for 2020.

Please see below, data for the number of elective hip and knee replacements by local health board and month for the calendar year 2019 and 2020 provided by NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) on 11 February 2021.

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Elective Hip and Knee Replacements for calendar year 2019 and 2020, split by Local Health Provider and Month.

Elective Hip Replacements.

Calendar Year	Local Health Board (Provider)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	Betsi Cadwaladr	58	89	103	94	94	81	78	52	66	89	84	66	954
	Aneurin Bevan	67	75	76	44	55	55	63	46	66	81	71	72	771
	Hywel Dda	44	42	65	63	43	38	66	48	50	75	30	27	591
	Cwm Taf Morgannwg	38	34	35	51	70	42	59	46	69	50	46	29	569
	Cardiff and Vale	47	43	53	46	36	39	36	60	49	39	58	35	541
	Swansea Bay	61	76	74	37	23	23	23	18	16	25	40	41	457
2019 Total		315	359	406	335	321	278	325	270	316	359	329	270	3,883
2020	Aneurin Bevan	58	57	49	0	0	2	1	0	1	12	2	11	193
	Betsi Cadwaladr	35	74	45	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	11	14	184
	Cardiff and Vale	44	51	25	1	0	0	5	7	4	5	20	16	178
	Cwm Taf Morgannwg	27	43	23	0	0	1	1	1	7	9	9	6	127
	Hywel Dda	27	44	30	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	109
	Swansea Bay	21	38	31	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	2	3	105
2020 Total		212	307	203	1	1	3	7	11	14	40	45	52	896

Source: Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW), NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS), 11 February 2021.

Elective Knee Replacements

Calendar Year	Local Health Board (Provider)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	Aneurin Bevan	78	81	88	67	63	65	82	61	86	85	82	73	911
	Betsi Cadwaladr	33	74	97	86	82	88	92	60	69	55	69	61	866
	Cwm Taf Morgannwg	25	41	33	68	55	62	72	53	65	65	61	26	626
	Hywel Dda	44	57	75	50	46	38	59	36	58	47	35	35	580
	Cardiff and Vale	40	38	74	45	50	54	38	46	47	58	50	40	580
	Swansea Bay	70	76	82	26	30	22	27	19	15	24	23	31	445
2019 Total		290	367	449	342	326	329	370	275	340	334	320	266	4,008
2020	Aneurin Bevan	64	89	63	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	5	228
	Cardiff and Vale	39	56	28	2	0	1	2	2	4	0	19	15	168
	Betsi Cadwaladr	36	69	25	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	11	151
	Cwm Taf Morgannwg	23	38	24	0	0	0	0	2	10	13	12	6	128
	Hywel Dda	18	43	39	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	104
	Swansea Bay	25	16	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	14	3	79
2020 Total		205	311	197	3	0	1	2	6	18	21	52	42	858

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Notes:

Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) :

Episodes describe the time a patient spends in the continuous care of one consultant

FCEs are the total number of completed in-patient, day case and maternity consultant episodes recorded in PEDW that ended in the calendar year in which they were reported.

Provider-based figures :

Include episodes of patient treatment in NHS hospitals in Wales and will include Welsh residents and also any non-Welsh residents who have been treated in Wales.

Principal Procedure:

The principal procedure is defined as the operation/operative procedure relating to the principal condition for which the patient was treated or investigated.

Excluding patient class 3 and 4 (Regular Day/night admission).

OPCS Code & Description

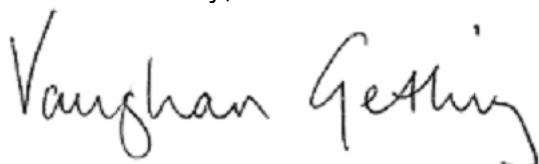
Knee Replacement:

W40 - Total prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement
 W41 - Total prosthetic replacement of knee joint not using ce
 W42 - Other total prosthetic replacement of knee joint

Hip Replacement:

W37 - Total prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement
 W38 - Total prosthetic replacement of hip joint not using cem
 W39 - Other total prosthetic replacement of hip joint
 W46 - Prosthetic replacement of head of femur using cement
 W47 - Prosthetic replacement of head of femur not using cemen
 W48 - Other prosthetic replacement of head of femur
 W93 - Hybrid pros.rep./hip joint/cement acetabular comp.
 W94 - Hybrid pros.rep./hip joint/cement femoral comp.
 W95 - Hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement

Yours sincerely,



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 Minister for Health and Social Services