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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. Please can you tell me whether the trust allows patients to self-fund for any of the following procedures?

- A. Hip replacements - Yes
- B. Knee replacements - Yes
- C. Cataracts - Yes

2. If yes to all or part of question 1, please can you tell me how much the trust charges for:

- A. hip replacements
- B. knee replacements
- C. cataracts

(please provide fees for any of the procedures which can be self-funded at the trust)

The Trust has a price list for charges relating to the use of hospital facilities by private patients. There is not an exact tariff as it depends on complexity of a procedure (e.g. Major, Minor or Intermediate), patient's co-morbidities, length of stay on a ward or a private room and whether ITU / HDU facilities are required for a private patient. Please see attached the pricelist for the use of hospital facilities.

3. Please state the average waiting time (as of May 2018) for patients who self-fund for

- A. hip replacements
- B. knee replacements
- C. cataracts

There may be between one and three weeks waiting time before their procedure goes ahead to ensure that all admin processes are followed and payment is made up front

4. Please state the average waiting time (as of May 2018) for patients who have the following treatments provided by the NHS at the trust:

- A. hip replacements - 30 weeks
- B. knee replacements – 20 weeks
- C. cataracts – 17 weeks

5. Has the trust always enabled patients to self-fund or has it only been introduced recently, eg past five years? I understand this may be difficult to answer. Patients have always had a choice to self-fund or use their private healthcare to opt for procedures mentioned above to be done privately.