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Question/s to be Answered

- How many patients have undergone Breast Reduction Surgery in your health board since 2000?

Could this be broken down by year, please?

- How many patients are currently on the waiting list for Breast Reduction Surgery?
- How many patients applied for Breast Reduction Surgery through their GP in the years 2010-present, and how many of these were successful?

Again, broken down by year, please.

- For all applications, can you give as much personalisation as possible – ie, average ages, average current breast size, average social deprivation status etc. Can this be broken down by year and also by whether an application was successful or not (if the number is low, I understand if this can't be given due to data protection.)

- What is the criteria upon which GPs base the decision to either grant or reject a Breast Reduction Surgery application?

GPs don't grant or reject requests, and breast reduction surgery is not carried out in NHS Shetland. We would only refer if there was a clinical reason that would be improved by the surgery. That referral would be to NHS Grampian, and we would expect their figures to include NHS Shetland patients.