

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

DATE RECEIVED	04/07/2022	SUBJECT	Knee, Hip Replacements		
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Question/s to be Answered

1. In this health board, of those patients seen, what was the average waiting time for a knee or hip replacement in the financial year 2021/22? Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18.
2. In this health board, of those patients seen, what was the longest waiting time for a knee or hip replacement in the financial year 2021/22? Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18.

1 & 2 answered in table below.

Year	Hip Replacement		Knee Replacement		Combined	
	Avg. Days Wait	Max Days Wait	Avg. Days Wait	Max Days Wait	Avg. Days Wait	Max Days Wait
2021-22	67	90	83	177	82	177

3. In this health board, of those patients currently on a waiting list, what is average waiting time for a knee or hip replacement?
4. In this health board, of those patients currently on a waiting list, what is longest waiting time for a knee or hip replacement?

3 & 4 – not applicable. Hip and knee replacements not routinely undertaken in Shetland. 2021-22 activity was one off block of waiting list initiative activity funded by SG and provided via Vanguard mobile operating theatre and team put in place in order to reduce waiting lists post pandemic. Shetland patients travel to NHS Grampian or Golden Jubilee National Hospital for joint replacement surgery in normal circumstances.