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Question/s to be answered

I am looking for information regarding the number of patients who have left an NHS waiting list and the reasons for doing so.

Please provide the following information:

1. All reasons, recognised by the NHS health board, why patients are removed from or leave a waiting list.

Please see data in attached spreadsheet. This is a list of all removal reasons used by NHS Shetland in the last five years, along with their prevalence. The data relates to all of inpatients, day cases and outpatients

2. The number of patients who have left an NHS waiting list in the last five years without receiving the operation or treatment for which they were on the waiting list in the first place.

Please provide the number of people as well as a breakdown of the reason why the patients left the list as well as the type of waiting list they left. Part of Q2

If possible, also include in breakdown the speciality of the waiting list.

Please see data in attached spreadsheet. We have included only inpatients and day cases as your query talks about "operation or treatment". We have included both "new" and "repeat" patients.

I am also looking for information regarding patients who have left an NHS waiting list before receiving treatment or operation.

Please provide the following information:

3. The total number of patients who have left an NHS waiting list in the last five years (until present) due to opting for a private healthcare treatment or operation instead.

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Some patients who left a waiting list for this reason may have been recorded as "Treatment Not Required" however there are many other reasons why that removal reason would be applied for example a patient's condition may have resolved spontaneously

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4. For those people who left a waiting list in the last five years, please provide the duration of time they had waited for treatment or operation before they left the list.

Please see data in attached spreadsheet. As per Q2 we have excluded outpatients, but we have also excluded repeat patients, as for these patients the recorded waiting time is not meaningful. Waiting times are calculated as per the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011.