



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-134

Date: 17th June 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24th May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding theatre sessions

On the same day we contacted you via email with the following:
To continue with your request we require clarification the following:

question 4.....does this relate to the average intercase downtime of each session, or within each patient within the session. For example, lets say:

- A session is 4 hours long and 3 patients are operated on within that session.
- And let's assume that the gap between patients 1 and 2 is 10 mins and the gap between patients 2 and 3 is also 10 mins.

So is the answer 20 mins (the downtime)??

On the same day you replied via email with:
'Yes, your example is the right interpretation.'

We replied 28th May 2024 with:
Thankyou, however that does not answer our question,

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Is it 20 mins or 10 mins?

On the same day you replied with:
'So is the answer 20 mins (the downtime)??
Yes, 20 mins is correct'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please provide the following data for the financial years 2019-20 through to the end of 2023-24.

1. Total theatre sessions where a start time was recorded
2. Of the total above, the number that started late
3. Of the late starts, the average length of the delay from the planned start time (in minutes)
4. The average inter-case downtime from all theatre sessions

If you could provide the info in the form of the table below, that would be really helpful.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1. Total theatre sessions where a start time was recorded					
2. Of the above total, the number of sessions that started late					
3. Of the late starts, the average length of the delay from planned start time (in minutes)					
4. The average inter-case downtime (mins)					

A1 See below: as per your above clarification

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1. Total theatre sessions where a start time was recorded	8380	4021	6736	8151	8088
2. Of the above total, the number of sessions that started late	4868	2712	4338	5259	4380
3. Of the late starts, the average length of the delay from planned start time (in minutes)	43	54	47	47	43
4. The average inter-case downtime (mins)	25	27	27	25	26

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Yours,



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