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**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

**1a) Divided by month, how long the waiting list is for getting a breast reconstruction after a mastectomy from January 2016 to July 2023 (or the most up-to-date data)?**

As per the request, this information relates to post mastectomy implant reconstruction only and does not include the breast conserving surgery such as perforator flaps, lipofilling, scar revision, or symmetrising surgery. The waiting list for breast reconstruction for Sherwood Forest Hospitals (SFH) has been variable during this period. This really applies to implant-based reconstruction only. Autologous flap-based reconstructions are undertaken at Nottingham University Hospitals.

Implant based reconstruction at SFH during the pandemic were not undertaken as per National guidance. This however resumed as part of the COVID recovery and restoration and currently there are no restrictions.

Based on the latest Patient Treatment List (PTL) list in our possession, the current waiting list for this type of reconstruction has one patient with a wait of 10 weeks.

**1b) Please divide this information according to different types of breast reconstruction i.e. implant, LD flap, DIEP flap**

See Q1a.

**2) Divided by month, how many people are on the waiting list for breast reconstruction after a mastectomy from January 2016 to July 2023 (or the most up-to-date data)?**

See Q1a.

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**3a) What date did the trust stop performing reconstructions at the same time as mastectomies during the pandemic?**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

**3b) What date did the trust start offering reconstructions at the same time as mastectomies again?**

October 2022.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

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Yours faithfully

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