

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**RF23-475**

**Request:**

Please provide this information for each calendar year for the past five years.

1. Overall based on the total number of referrals, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to initial appointment with healthcare professional regarding treatment for varicose veins.
2. Overall based on the total number of referrals, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to a surgical procedure to treat varicose veins.
3. What is the total number of annual referrals for treatment for varicose veins each year for the past five years?
4. How many surgeries for varicose veins have been performed each year for the past five years?

**Response:**

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. Information not held. The reason for referral is not recorded (the Trust records diagnosis).
2. EKHUFT would be unable to provide a response to this question without reviewing each patient's file to determine what the initial referral was for. To obtain this information would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.
3. Information not held. The reason for referral is not recorded (the Trust records diagnosis).
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<b>Year</b>	<b>No of Patients</b>
2018/2019	237
2019/2020	207
2020/2021	48
2021/2022	124
2022/2023	264

**(DATE OF RESPONSE: 15 AUGUST 2023)**

