

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-322	19 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
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**I write regarding a Freedom of Information request about elective knee and hip operations during 2019, 2020 and 2021, and would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:**

**1. How may elective hip and knee replacements have taken place in your Health Board in 2021, broken down by month?**

Due to low numbers (less than 5), the Health Board is unable to disclose some of the information as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals.

Month	Hip Replacements	Knee Replacements
Jan-21	-	>5
Feb-21	>5	-
Mar-21	-	-
Apr-21	20	12
May-21	19	8

Please note that the clinical coding may not be complete for the most recent months.

**2. How many elective hip and knee replacements were undertaken through the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee contract for independent sector capacity between March 2020 and December 2020, broken down by month?**

No elective hip and knee replacements were undertaken through the WHSSC Contract for this period.