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### Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to private procedures.

*You asked:*

1. *How many elective procedures that were due to be carried out by your NHS trust were instead carried out by a private provider in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2021-22, 2022-23 to date?*
2. *For the financial years stated above, what percentage of all elective procedures at your trust had to instead be carried out by a private provider?*
3. *For the financial years stated above, what were the most common reasons given for a procedure to be carried out by a private provider – even though it was initially scheduled to be carried out by the trust?*
4. *If it comes within the cost limits, for Q1, which procedures were carried out by private providers?*

Trust response:

1.

	Daycase	Elective	Total
<b>2016-17</b>	701	704	1405
<b>2017-18</b>	54	64	118
<b>2018-19</b>	43	17	60
<b>2019-20</b>	1665	782	2447
<b>2020-21</b>	2223	749	2972
<b>2021-22</b>	1107	713	1820
<b>Apr - Nov 22</b>	787	466	1253

2. Please note: This response is not about procedures that “had to be carried out”, for context, in April 2017, the Trust and West Kent CCG (now ICB) adopted a new contract - Aligned Incentives Contract (AIC)

The purpose of the contract is to allow collaborative working resulting in system wide changes, which means that our patients are being seen by the right person, in the right setting, first time and reducing unwarranted variation and system wide costs. As part of this the west Kent Independent Sector Providers were managed by the Trust. We have a good working relationship with all ISPs in West Kent.

Trust Activity	%age PP
50463	2.7%
47572	0.2%
51411	0.1%
52065	4.5%
28997	9.3%
49779	3.5%
36776	3.3%

3. Due to patient choice and to ensure timely appointment and treatment.

4. Previous years information is not available.

The top 20 procedures carried out in the Prime Provider have been:

Procedure	2020-21	2021-22	Apr-Nov 2022
TOTAL PROSTHETIC REPLACEMENT OF KNEE JOINT USING CEMENT	155	313	202
PROSTHESIS OF LENS	265	161	100
TOTAL PROSTHETIC REPLACEMENT OF HIP JOINT NOT USING CEM	97	209	154
OTHER OPERATIONS ON PERIPHERAL NERVE	238	18	6
CONTINUOUS INFUSION OF THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCE	247	12	0
OTHER OPERATIONS ON SPINE	164	47	24
DENERVATION OF SPINAL FACET JOINT OF VERTEBRA	92	76	44
THERAPEUTIC ENDOSCOPIC OPERATIONS ON SEMILUNAR CARTILAG	66	97	47
OTHER RECONSTRUCTION OF LIGAMENT	47	53	46
PUNCTURE OF JOINT	47	50	42
THERAPEUTIC EPIDURAL INJECTION	102	13	15
OPERATIONS ON SPINAL NERVE ROOT	49	55	9
OPERATIONS ON VITREOUS BODY	99	0	0
RELEASE OF ENTRAPMENT OF PERIPHERAL NERVE AT WRIST	36	18	31
EXTERNAL RESUSCITATION	57	25	0
HYBRID PROS.REP./HIP JOINT/CEMENT FEMORAL COMP.	25	35	20
DIAGNOSTIC ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF BLADDER	48	6	20
ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION OF OUTLET OF MALE BLADDER	35	26	9
EXCISION OF BONE	11	38	18
THERAPEUTIC URETEROSCOPIC OPERATIONS ON URETER	56	3	3