

FOI 3613

5th March 2026**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

1. The current number of patients on the waiting list for orthognathic (jaw) surgery.**Response:**

- There are currently 45 patients awaiting an appointment for assessment with regards to jaw surgery at the joint orthodontic/orthognathic surgery clinic with the OMFS surgeon
- There are also a further 145 patients on the Waiting list WQ – ST Orthodontics Review Outpatient Booking
- There are also 26 patients on the review list for the joint orthodontic/orthognathic surgery joint clinic

Total = 190 patients who will need orthognathic surgery in the future with a further 26 patients awaiting review appointments at the joint orthodontic/orthognathic surgery clinic.

2. The referral date of the longest waiting patient currently awaiting orthognathic surgery.**Response:**

The longest waiter is on the joint orthodontic/orthognathic surgery clinic, from 18 Aug 2022.

3. The average waiting time from referral to surgery for orthognathic procedures over the past three years.**Response:**

On average, 6 + years

4. The average waiting time between completion of orthodontic preparation and surgical treatment.

Response:

Over one year at present.

- 5. The number of orthognathic surgeries performed annually by the Trust over the past three years.**

Response:

The Southern Trust would not have a record of the number of OGN surgeries performed annually. This information is held by the South Eastern Trust - informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net

- 6. Whether orthognathic surgery patients from the Southern Trust are referred to Belfast Trust or external providers**

Response:

All orthognathic surgery is held in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department in the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald (South Eastern Trust - informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net).

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