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Surgery Waiting Times at Burns Unit RVH

I would like to make a **Freedom of Information** request relating to surgery waiting times within the Royal Victoria Hospital.

NOTE: Burns are typically emergency admissions and, as such, will not appear on any waiting list but are managed as emergency. The waiting lists are only reflective of planned or follow up surgery for burns and plastics.

1. **How many patients have been on the waiting list for surgery at the Burns Unit at RVH from March 2023 to date?**

Month	Number of patients Waiting at month end
April 2023	378
May 2023	266
June 2023	266
July 2023	250
August 2023	233
September 2023	234
October 2023	218
November 2023	217
December 2023	207
January 2024	190
February 2024	182
March 2024	179
April 2024	181
May 2024	181
June 2024	169
July 2024	183
August 2024	185
September 2024	200
October 2024	192
November 2024	199
December 2024	201
January 2025	196

2. **How many of these patients have had surgery at the Burns Unit between March 2023 to date?**

A total of 266 patients who had been on a waiting list for surgery in the Burns Unit at 31 March 2023 have since been admitted.

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3. How many additional patients were added to the waiting list at the burns unit between March 2024 to date?

There have been 212 additions to the Burns and Plastic Surgery waiting lists from 1 March 2024 to 31 January 2025.

4. How many patients had surgery at the burns unit between March 2024 to date?

Between March 2024 and December 2024, 245 patients had surgery in the Burns Unit.

5. How many surgeries have been carried out by specific named surgeon from March 2024 to date?

Belfast Trust is unable to provide this information as it constitutes information personal to a specific individual and would therefore be exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act – Information Relating to a Third Party.

This is deemed personal information about another individual. Disclosure would breach one or more of the principles of the Data Protection Act.

Notes:-

Please note: Information dated from 6 June 2024 onwards is still subject to ongoing validation of the newly implemented encompass patient information system.

Information prior to 6 June 2024 has been sourced from the Belfast Trust Patient Administration System and the Theatre Management System.