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Wait Times for Surgery and Transplants

Can you then provide the same figures for each of the last nine years? (Ten years in total, I'm looking for).

1. Can all Trusts please detail for me how many patients are awaiting brain surgery in your area right now and detail the average and longest patient waiting times?

Type of Surgery - Brain			
WL Month End	Total Waiting	Average Wait (wks)	Longest Wait (wks)
Dec-15	72	24	85
Dec-16	71	12	82
Dec-17	79	17	54
Dec-18	70	21	93
Dec-19	89	20	95
Dec-20	91	44	147
Dec-21	74	53	199
Dec-22	89	62	287
Dec-23	90	52	303
May-24	72	30	324

2. Can all Trusts please detail for me how many patients are awaiting heart surgery in your area right now and detail the average and longest patient waiting times?

Type of Surgery - Heart			
WL Month End	Total Waiting	Average Wait (wks)	Longest Wait (wks)
Dec-15	334	14	80
Dec-16	216	10	94
Dec-17	161	10	131
Dec-18	196	11	183
Dec-19	177	13	235
Dec-20	265	23	147
Dec-21	343	21	199
Dec-22	294	26	251
Dec-23	289	20	138
May-24	355	26	227

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3. Can all Trusts please detail for me how many patients are awaiting spinal cord surgery in your area right now and detail the average and longest patient waiting times?

Type of Surgery - Spinal			
WL Month End	Total Waiting	Average Wait (wks)	Longest Wait (wks)
Dec-15	37	33	81
Dec-16	18	14	44
Dec-17	32	14	37
Dec-18	23	22	62
Dec-19	15	18	50
Dec-20	19	49	103
Dec-21	12	70	150
Dec-22	10	68	202
Dec-23	13	47	162
May-24	12	57	183

4. Can all Trusts please detail for me the number of patients from your area who are awaiting transplants, detailing a) the type, b) average waiting time and c) longest waiting time?

Comments:

- Single Transplant Centre in Northern Ireland, i.e. regional, not Trust specific.
- Kidney transplantation is the only solid organ transplant performed in Northern Ireland.
- Transplant Centre factors can affect waiting time for a kidney transplant.
- In Belfast, the wait is predominantly determined by the availability of a kidney for transplantation (this is a scarce resource).
- Information requested is detailed below:
 - Comparative statistics with the other kidney transplant units in the UK is included
 - Pre-emptive transplantation refers to the ideal situation of avoiding dialysis entirely
 - This is readily available on the NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Activity report nhsbt-kidney-transplantation-report-2223.pdf (nhsbt-dbe.blob.core.windows.net)
 - This site also provides comparable data for the past decade

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Figure 2.2 Patients on the active kidney transplant list at 31 March 2023, by centre

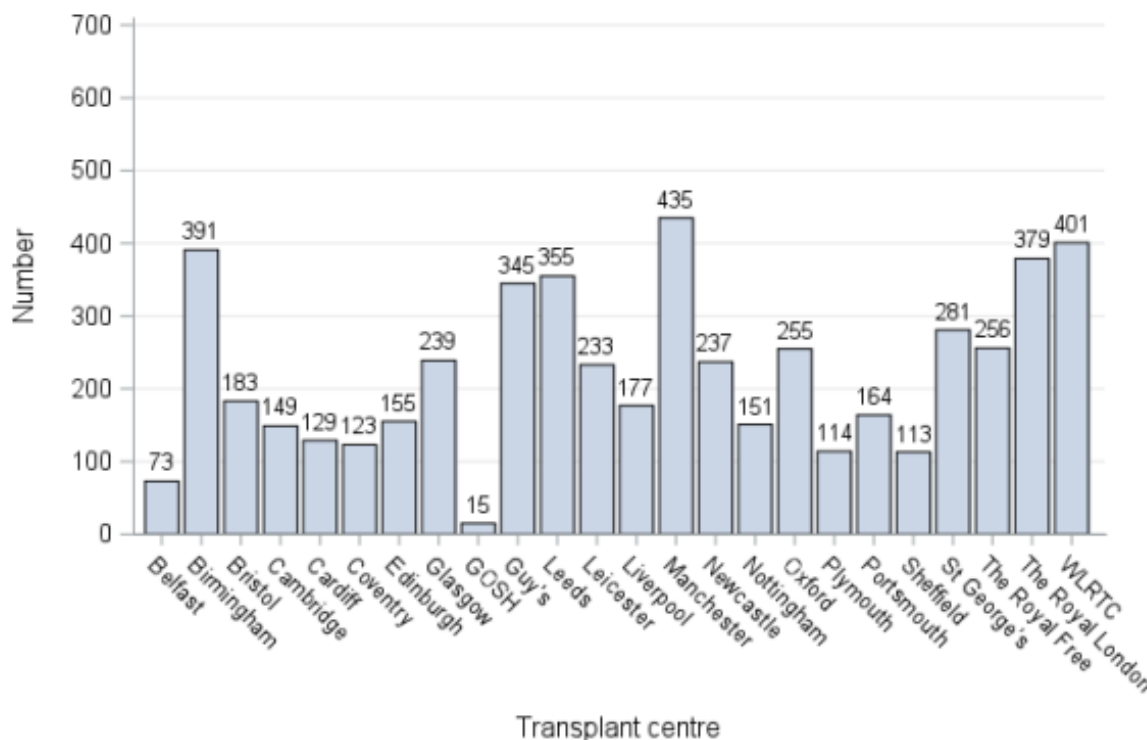
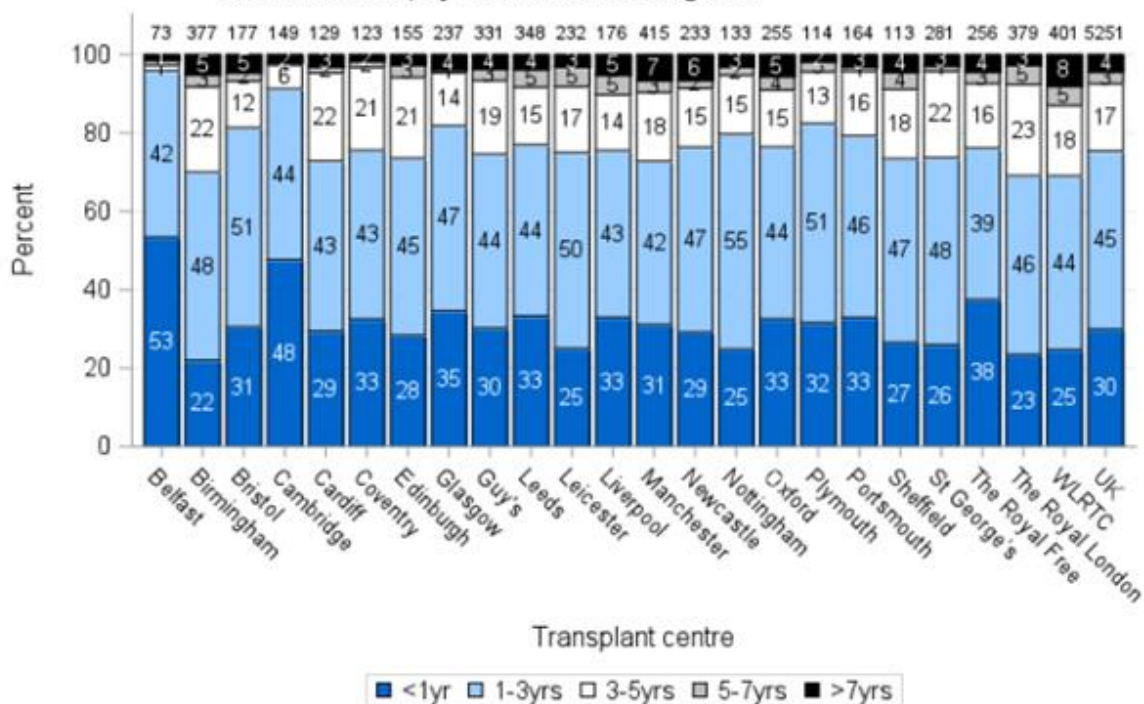
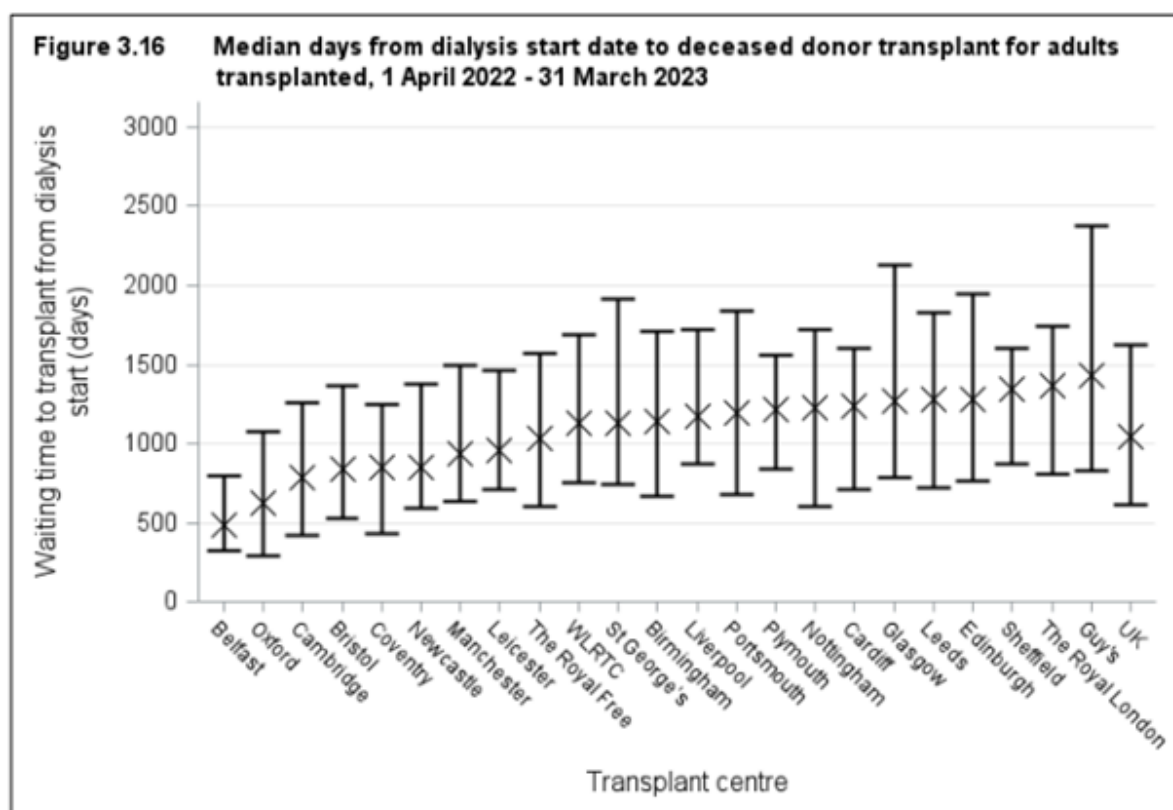


Figure 3.12 Adults on the active kidney only transplant list as at 31 March 2023, by centre and waiting time



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