Discrepancies in Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust's FOI Responses

According to <u>FOI-414-2014</u>, at the end of June 2014 there were:

- 30 patients approved for the operation and given a date
- 53 patients approved for the operation and waiting for a date
- 30 patients on hold due to not being fit for surgery
- 172 patients who have not yet had their initial consultation
- 0 other patients waiting for surgery

This is a total of 285 patients waiting for surgery at the end of June 2014.

According to <u>FOI-478-2014</u>, in July 2014 there were 8 operations undertaken, 5 patients transferred to Parkside Hospital and 1 patient who left the list without surgery. This is 14 people who left the waiting list in July, and the FOI states there were 26 new referrals in July. That means there should be 297 (285+26-14) patients on the waiting list at the end of July 2014. However, according to the FOI there were:

- 35 patients approved for the operation and given a date
- 49 patients approved for the operation and waiting for a date
- 26 patients on hold due to not being fit for surgery
- 275 patients who have not yet had their initial consultation
- 0 other patients waiting for surgery

This is a total of 385 patients waiting for surgery at the end of July 2014, which is a discrepancy of 88 additional **patients.** We queried this discrepancy at the start of October and are still waiting for a response.

According to <u>FOI-513-2014</u>, in August 2014 there were 2 operations undertaken, 0 patients transferred to other providers and 0 patients who left the list without surgery. This is 2 people who left the waiting list in August, and the FOI states there was 1 new referral in August. That means there should be 384 (385+1-2) patients on the waiting list at the end of August 2014. However, according to the FOI there were:

- 35 patients approved for the operation and given a date
- 56 patients approved for the operation and waiting for a date
- 28 patients on hold due to not being fit for surgery
- 278 patients who have not yet had their initial consultation
- 0 other patients waiting for surgery

This is a total of 397 patients waiting for surgery at the end of August 2014, which is a discrepancy of 13 additional patients.

According to FOI-565-2014, in September 2014 there were 10 operations undertaken, 0 patients transferred to other providers and 1 patient who left the list without surgery. This is 11 people who left the waiting list in September, and the FOI states there was 20 new referrals in September. That means there should be 406 (397+20-11) patients on the waiting list at the end of September 2014. However, according to the FOI there were:

- 22 patients approved for the operation and given a date
- 98 patients approved for the operation and waiting for a date
- 28 patients on hold due to not being fit for surgery
- 228 patients who have not yet had their initial consultation
- 1 other patient waiting for surgery

This is a total of 377 patients waiting for surgery at the end of August 2014, which is a discrepancy of 29 missing patients.