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REQUEST

Between the years: 2017 – 2018, 2018 – 2019, 2019 – 2020, 2020 – 2021, and 2022 – Present.

1. What is the average length of time between hospital discharge & re-admission for patients that have had surgery?
2. What is the number of patients who were re-admitted to the hospital on an emergency basis after being discharged after surgery?
3. For Vascular patients only – what is the average length of time between hospital discharge and re-admission for patients after having surgery?

RESPONSE

Time Period	Surgical Specialty	Total Surgeries with 30-day NEL readmission	30-day NEL readmission average time (Days)
2017/18	ALL	193	10.5
2018/19	ALL	1,367	11.2
2019/20	ALL	1,312	10.8
2020/21	ALL	905	10.8
2021/22	ALL	1,016	11.1
2022/23 (Apr - Jan)	ALL	1,022	11.4
2017/18	Vascular Surgery	-	-
2018/19	Vascular Surgery	10	15.1
2019/20	Vascular Surgery	≤5	21.7
2020/21	Vascular Surgery	≤5	5.0

2021/22	Vascular Surgery	≤5	15.0
2022/23 (Apr - Jan)	Vascular Surgery	≤5	9.6

Please note:

- We are unable to provide a response to part a – NHS definitions state a readmission should only be counted whereby the readmission is an emergency, so we are unable to provide non-emergency readmissions.
- A readmission does not indicate the patients readmission was in any way related to the original admission.
- For part c, please note <5 has been added where the number of patients is 5 or less. This information has been redacted to protect patient confidentiality and to ensure that patients cannot be identified.