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Ref: FOI-022024-000629

Date:

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

1. How many amputations took place due to medical errors between January 2020- now?

By 'medical errors' I refer to; Delayed treatment of an infection, Failure to recognise that the blood supply has been cut off to a limb, Poor management of peripheral neuropathy in diabetic patients, A surgeon operating on the wrong body part, Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or a delay in diagnosis of a DVT, Incorrect treatment of fractures causing tissue damage, negligently performed joint replacement surgery.

Can this information be broken down by year, up to and include any data held for January 2024.

Response

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to Families or Friends. The number of amputations over the years requested is less than 5, so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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