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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

I am writing to ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of Surgical Care Practitioners (SCPs) performing lipomas and sebaceous cysts, varicose vein surgery and laparoscopic colorectal procedures (please see OPCS 4.10 codes below) from January 2018 to December 2023. I would like the information in the following manner or at least containing the following:

- a) Year of surgical procedure.
- b) Category of surgical procedure eg lipomas and sebaceous cysts, varicose vein surgery and laparoscopic colorectal.
- c) Procedure carried out by junior/trainee doctor, Surgical Care Practitioners (SCPs), specialist, associate specialist doctor or consultant.
- d) Time taken for the procedure by junior/trainee doctor, Surgical Care Practitioners (SCPs), specialist, associate specialist doctor or consultant.
- e) Length of stay based on the procedure carried out by junior/trainee doctor, Surgical Care Practitioners (SCPs), specialist, associate specialist doctor or consultant.
- f) Number of re-admissions based on the procedure carried out by junior/trainee doctor, Surgical Care Practitioners (SCPs), specialist, associate specialist doctor or consultant.
- g) Number of transfusions based on the procedure carried out by junior/trainee doctor, Surgical Care Practitioners (SCPs), specialist, associate specialist doctor or consultant.

I have produced the table below to assist with the provision of the data.

Response

The Trust does not use the procedure codes you provided in your initial request however, our coding team have provided similar codes to help us collate a response to your request.

Please note, the procedure codes are pulled in any order so although a patient may have a transfusion linked to their spell, it may not be directly related to the procedure code, but another procedure code within their spell. There is no way to identify in the data if the transfusion is linked to the specific procedures that have been asked for.

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families and friends. The number of procedures performed for the requested timeframe is less than 5, therefore, the Trust has applied Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Lipomas and Sebaceous Cysts													
Category of Staff Conducting the treatment	Year of Treatment						Average Time taken	Number of readmissions	Number of Transfusions	Length of stay in Hospital			
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023				0 days	1 Day	2 Days	2+Days
Junior/Trainee Doctor	0	0	0	689	1025	774	40	59	0	2482	< 5	0	< 5
SCP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Specialist Doctor	0	0	0	0	0	20	34.6	0	0	20	0	0	0
Consultant	1582	1307	1230	891	891	1584	44	225	12	7398	90	22	32
Varicose Vein Surgery													
Category of Staff Conducting the treatment	Year of Treatment						Average Time taken	Number of readmissions	Number of Transfusions	Length of stay in Hospital			
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023				0 days	1 Day	2 Days	2+Days
Junior/Trainee Doctor	0	0	0	9	30	73	51	6	0	110	< 5	0	< 5
SCP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Specialist Doctor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consultant	294	352	160	127	248	227	55	70	0	1393	12	< 5	< 5
Laparoscopic Colorectal Procedures													
Category of Staff Conducting the treatment	Year of Treatment						Average Time taken	Number of readmissions	Number of Transfusions	Length of stay in Hospital			
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023				0 days	1 Day	2 Days	2+Days
Junior/Trainee Doctor	0	0	0	0	0	< 5	313.2	< 5	< 5	< 5	0	0	< 5
SCP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Specialist Doctor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consultant	43	67	53	68	68	66	275	67	51	7	0	< 5	355

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.

Information Commissioners Office
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www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

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