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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013861 -

I request the following information:

1. Number of RBC units utilised by ward and/ or department in a) 2015 and b) 2016
- Please see table below
2. Number of elective surgical procedures cancelled in 2016 due to the patient being identified as anaemic - Numbers of cancellations are recorded but the reasons do not drill down to specific illness.
3. Number of elective surgical procedures occurring for patients who were anaemic on the day of surgery - Information not electronically recorded, this would be in patients notes
4. Of the above, the number of these procedures that required a blood transfusion - N/A
5. Following the NICE Quality Standards published in December 2016 on blood transfusion, is able to meet Quality Standard 1? -

Quality statement 1: Iron supplementation, people with iron-deficiency anaemia who are having surgery are offered iron supplementation before and after surgery.

Response: Yes, screening is offered pre-op, there is a pathway in place for identifying and treating patients who have iron deficiency anaemia pre-operatively. Iron should be offered post-surgery as an alternative to blood transfusion and this area is under consideration for a compliance audit later this year by the Hospital Transfusion Team

Month	RBC units transfused
January	700
February	564
March	710
April	723
May	682
June	623
July	721
August	656
September	780
October	643
November	535
December	697
Total for 2015	8034

Month	RBC units transfused
January	754
February	615
March	653
April	686
May	676
June	664
July	629
August	648
September	655
October	642
November	739
December	800
Total for 2016	8161