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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014401 – Hernia mesh implant devices

1. How many hernia mesh implant devices have been purchased in each of the following financial years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?

Figures are only available from 2014/15. Due to the fact NHS Supply chain's records do not go back any further.

2014/15 Quantity ordered (singles) = 168

2015/16 Quantity ordered (singles) = 428

2016/17 Quantity ordered (singles) = 320

2017/18 Quantity ordered (singles) = 869

2. Please provide the total annual cost of hernia mesh implant devices purchased for those same years requested in question one.

2014/15 Total annual cost = £5,551.73

2015/16 Total annual cost = £13,351.94

2016/17 Total annual cost = £32,063.07

2017/18 Total annual cost = £51,963.73

3. Please provide the different types of meshes purchased and the name of the manufacturer for those same years requested in question one.

The type of used has not changed since 2014/15.

Bard Ventralex Mesh

Bard Perfix Plug

Aquilant Surgical Swing Mesh

4. Please provide how many patients received which type of mesh in each year requested in question one.

– The Trust is unable to answer your question, when the operation is coded the coding specifies that the patient has had a mesh implant but the coding does not state which type of mesh is used.

5. How many hernia operation were carried out in those same years requested in question one?

April 2012/13 = 578 hernia operations carried out

April 2013/14 = 512 hernia operations carried out

April 2014/15 = 569 hernia operations carried out

April 2015/16 = 430 hernia operations carried out

April 2016/17 = 449 hernia operations carried out

April 2017/18 = 542 hernia operations carried out

6. How many follow up appointments with the implanting surgeon are standard practice for patients who have had a hernia operation, either as a day case or inpatient

The follow-up rate is dependent on the case-mix, however surgeons will mainly review those with bowel involvement or septic complications. Anecdotally, an estimate that about 15% are followed up