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Date: 18th July 2023

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

*We write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information as a provider of arterial services. We are interested in transfusion practice around UK elective open AAA repair which is not captured or reflected in other publicly available resource. To accurately reflect contemporaneous practice, between the dates **01.01.2018 – 31.12.2022**, we would be grateful if you could provide information on the following points with responses as set out in the table below:*

Autologous cell salvage equipment availability for the Vascular unit

- 1. Number of elective open infra-renal (non-complex) AAA repairs performed each year.
 - 1. In whom, the number of patients who received red cell transfusions.*
 - 1. The number of units transfused and phase in which the transfusion occurred.**
- 2. And finally, the number of 30day mortalities in those receiving a transfusion versus not.*

Response

Unfortunately, the information that you have requested is not held in a reportable format. This process would take us beyond the appropriate limit as set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act - cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

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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