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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

1.What are the total number of NHS referrals for primary inguinal, femoral, umbilical and epigastric hernia repairs at your trust in the last 3 years with a year on year breakdown?					
- Not known, we do not hold that level of information at referral level					
2. What are the total number of primary inguinal, femoral, umbilical and epigastric hernia repairs performed for the NHS at your trust in the last 3 years with a year on year breakdown?					
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Year	Inguinal	Femoral	Umbilical	Other	Total
2022	313	21	145	58	537
2023	318	20	197	55	590
2024	296	25	179	47	547
Total	927	66	521	160	1674
3. How many of these NHS Hernia patients were treated by Open repair? And how many by Laparoscopic repair? Of these treated by Open repair, how many were done under a Local Anaesthetic?					
Year	Open Repair	Laparoscopic	Total		
2022	448	89	537		
2023	524	66	590		
2024	481	66	547		
Total	1453	221	1674		
					18 done under LA only
4 . What proportion of these NHS hernia patients required an overnight stay during the period above or for what period you are able to provide this?					
Year	Overnight Stays				
2022	121				
2023	150				

2024	138
Total	409
5. What is the average wait time for an NHS hernia patient to be seen in an outpatient clinic? 21.4 weeks As with Question 1, we don't hold that level of detail at referral level so this is calculated from the treatment wait list. This does not cater to any patient cancellations/rescheduled appointments	
6. What is the average time between an NHS hernia patient being listed for surgery to the operation being performed? - 44.7 Weeks This is our average clock start - clock stop time (RTT wait) for an NHS hernia patient	
7. How many NHS hernia patients have required readmission following any type of hernia surgery outlined above? 189 Readmissions within 30 days of original discharge No insight as to whether the readmission was directly related to the hernia repair	
8. How many patients developed a post operative infection within 10 days of surgery? Due to the numerous variations regarding coding we are unable to provide this information	
9. How many patients developed chronic pain after the Hernia repair? Not known unable to run a report for this information.	
10. How many patients developed a recurrent hernia within one year of Surgery? - 14	

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

Yours sincerely

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