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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. As part of our ongoing efforts to make healthcare better, we would appreciate it if you could provide the following data:

1. What number of Healthcare Workers reported an incidence of exposure to blood and body fluids (BBF) in theatre during a total hip or knee replacement, by year since 2021? -

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to Families or Friends. The number requested is less than 5, so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

Year	Incidents
2021	0
2022	<5
2023	<5
2024	<5

2. The average cost to treat a Healthcare Worker with a reported incidence of exposure to blood and body fluids (BBF). - Not known this question is too specific for our costing system.

3. Please provide details of the number of working days lost due to MSD injuries by members of staff working in theatres, by year since 2021. What is the cost of losing these workdays, by year since 2021? -

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
FTE days lost	1285.93	1540.93	568.60	624.39
Absence estimated cost	£ 158,834.00	£ 199,372.00	£ 77,246.00	£ 89,491.00

Please note:

Besides main theatres information is also included for day case theatres, minor procedure room, preassessment and recovery rooms.

The data is done on absence reason ‘Other musculoskeletal problems’

Cost is an estimate based on sample period of shifts lost to MSD.

4. What is the cost per tonne to dispose of clinical waste?
5. How many tonnes of clinical waste did the Trust send to incineration, by year since 2021?

Questions 4 & 5 – Not known. Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust operates a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract. The hospital buildings are not owned by the Trust but by Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd who the Trust has the PFI contract with. The contract allows the Trust to use the buildings to provide its clinical services. Clinical waste is included in this contract.

6. Could you please provide data on reported instances where a polyp sample was taken during an endoscopy procedure but was not successfully transferred to the sample collection container? If possible, please include the number of such instances per year since 2021.

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7. Could you please provide information on the average cost to readmit a patient following an instance where a polyp was taken during an endoscopy procedure but was not successfully transferred to the sample collection container ('lost polyp')?

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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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