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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. NHS Admissions for Complications Following Overseas Surgeries

- The total number of hospital admissions where the NHS has treated patients for complications resulting from surgeries conducted abroad.
- A yearly breakdown from January 2020 to January 2025 (or the most recent available period).

2. Breakdown of Patients Treated

For each year, please provide where available:

- Age group of patients (e.g.: under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+).
- Gender of patients.

3. Data Classified Under Relevant ICD-10 Codes (or their NHS equivalents):

Please provide a breakdown of cases recorded under the following ICD-10 codes related to complications of surgical procedures:

- T81 – Complications of procedures (e.g., infections, wound disruption, foreign bodies left in the body).
- T82-T85 – Complications of prosthetic devices, implants, and grafts.
- T86 – Failure and rejection of transplanted organs and tissues.
- T87 – Complications of amputations and reattachments.
- T88 – Other complications of surgical and medical care (including anaesthesia-related complications).
- Y60-Y69 – Surgical errors and misadventures (e.g., accidental punctures, foreign objects left inside patients, failure of sterile precautions, inappropriate procedures).
- Y70-Y79 – Medical devices associated with adverse incidents.
- Y83-Y84 – Abnormal patient reactions or complications following surgery or other medical procedures.

4. Specific Details on Procedures Leading to NHS Admissions

Where available, please provide:

- The type of surgery the patient originally underwent abroad (e.g., cosmetic surgery, weight loss surgery, orthopaedic surgery, dental work, etc.).
- The intended purpose of the surgery (e.g., aesthetic enhancement, weight loss, joint replacement, reconstructive surgery, etc.).

- The type of complication requiring NHS intervention (e.g., infection, implant failure, excessive bleeding, wound breakdown, nerve damage, sepsis).

5. NHS Cost of Treating Complications from Overseas Surgeries

- The total annual cost incurred by the NHS in treating complications from overseas surgeries. If available, an estimated breakdown of costs by procedure type.

Questions 1 to 5 – we cannot run a report for the information requested as there are no codes which can identify if a person had an operation abroad.

I would like to obtain data regarding the number of hospital admissions related to sunbed injuries. Specifically, I request the following information in whichever format is easiest to provide: SNOMED, ICD-11, or free text.

1. Sunbed Admissions (SNOMED)

The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed-related injuries, classified under:

- 403588002 – Addiction to sunbed use (disorder)
- 242537009 – Exposure to man-made ultraviolet light (event)
- 466293001 – Ultraviolet tanning device (physical object)

If possible, please also include:

- Age group (e.g.: under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85-94, 95-100, over 100)
- Gender of the patient
- Brief description of the reason for admission
- Treatment received for the injury

2. Sunbed Admissions (ICD-11) – The Trust does not use ICD-11

The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed injuries, categorised under:

- EJ41 – Burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation
 - EJ41.0 – Burn from exposure to therapeutic ultraviolet radiation
 - EJ41.Y – Other specified burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation
 - EJ41.Z – Burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation, unspecified

If possible, please also include:

- Age group (as above)
- Gender of the patient
- Brief description of the reason for admission
- Treatment received for the injury

3. Sunbed Admissions (Free Text)

The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed injuries, provided in free text format.

If possible, please also include:

- Age group (as above)
- Gender of the patient
- Brief description of the reason for admission
- Treatment received for the injury

Questions 1 to 3 – Nil

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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