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Russells Hall Hospital  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
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**Date:** 10.7.25

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

1a. What is the average time for a laparoscopic appendectomy to occur after diagnosis? If this is too vague, or exempt due to the time it takes to obtain this information, then please respond to:

Between the dates of 1/4/25 and 21/5/25, what was the average time for a laparoscopic appendectomy to occur after diagnosis?

**- Our average time from admission to discharge following the appendectomy is 2.9 days, with 30% within 2 days**

6. I request for any trust-wide policy/procedure/ for appendicitis/suspected appendicitis to be sent to me.

**- We do not have a trust-wide policy for appendicitis. It is usually a clinical decision, the surgeons follow clinical judgement and investigation results as standard practice**

9. I request for the escalation policy/procedure (including triage procedures) for Ward B5 to be sent to me.

**Please see attached.**

11. Omitting any personal details of all patients. I request the movements (and the details of the medical conditions of patients that were seen to) by Priyan Magan, Registrar (and any other relevant medical professional that could have provided me with a diagnosis and treatment plan at the time) during the hours of 2pm and 11:15pm on 20/5/25. I request this information in a timeline format.

**- The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. In order to provide this, it would require a manual trawl of patient's records, which are exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act.**

**When information is not in a reportable format, the ICO guidance clearly states "FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it".**

**- If you request a copy of your medical records this will give you details of your own diagnosis and treatment. Please contact the Access to Health Records Team on**

**dgft.accessteam@nhs.net**

15. Why is a second wristband given during the pre-op checks? What is the purpose of this procedure?

**The second ID band (placed on a separate limb) would be to ensure patient identification remains in situ if a patient ID band needs to be cut-off / removed during surgery for any reason (such as A-Lines / cannulation etc).**

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

**Freedom of Information Team  
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**