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Date: 24.4.25

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

1. How many amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?	2678
2. How many upper limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?	102
3. How many lower limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?	2576
4. Please provide a breakdown of the primary causes for amputation surgeries at your NHS trust since 2017	<p>The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format.</p> <p><i>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".</i></p>
5. How many active amputation cases were managed by your NHS trust between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024? Please provide the figure broken down by gender and the following age groups:	<p>Please note Q5 is all completed amputations in 2024.</p> <p>As per Q4 we don't have that granular level of detail readily available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baby (up to 1 year) 0 • Toddler (1 to 3 years) <5 • Child (4 to 12 years) 0 • Teenager (13 to 19 years) 0 • Young people (20 to 24 years) <5 • Adult (25 to 64 years) 198 • Older people (65 and over) 209 <p>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</p>

	cause distress to Families or Friends. The number over the years requested is less than 5, so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.
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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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

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