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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 015006 – Blood patch procedures

I write to request information on the number of blood patch procedures carried out in the trust in each of the past ten years.

2011 – 8

2012 - 5

2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (Jan to June) total for these years = 23

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 so in the years where the number was lower than 5 we have added the figures together and have given a total.

I also request a breakdown of:

a) the condition which the blood patch was intended to treat

- Epidural blood patch procedures are undertaken to treat post dural puncture headaches

b) the title of the doctor or doctors who carried out the procedure, for example, anaesthetist, neurologist, neurosurgeon

- the procedure is administered by anaesthetists