

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 20-233**

14 December 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some the information you are requesting

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Bristol Royal Infirmary:**

**2019 (if not available, 2018) surgical volumes for:**

- Lobectomy of Lung
- Bronchoscopy
- Wedge Resection of Lung
- Lung Segmentectomies
- Pneumonectomy
- COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases
- LVRS – Lung Volume Reduction Surgery
- TTNA – Trans Thoracic Needle Aspiration
- Radial Ebus
- ENB - Endo Navigational Bronchoscopy

**For each procedure also information on average length of stay (ALOS), number of minimally invasive procedures, and number of robotic procedures. Please see excel file attached.**

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Total Number of Procedures</b>	<b>Days ALOS</b>	<b># MIS</b>	<b># Robotic</b>
<b>Bronchoscopy</b>				
<b>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</b>				
<b>ENB - Endo Navigational Bronchoscopy</b>				
<b>LVRS – Lung Volume Reduction Surgery</b>				
<b>Pneumonectomy</b>				
<b>Radial Ebus</b>				

**Segmentectomy**  
**TTNA – Trans Thoracic Needle Aspiration**  
**Wedge Resection**  
**Lobectomy of Lung**

Please find attached the spreadsheet received filled in as much as possible.  
Not all of this data is easily or readily available and would take the time required to over 18 hours.

Some operations do not have codes explicitly attached to the procedure to say they were minimally invasive surgeries (MIS) but are (almost) always performed this way, e.g. colonoscopies. Specifically, E59.1 - Needle biopsy of lesion of lung did have on operation marked with a MIS code, yet if this procedure was performed by itself it would usually be done as MIS.

Many of the codes will have overlap which affects Average Length of Stay (LOS).  
E.g. E49.x Diagnostic fiberoptic endo exams - these can be performed alone and could have many cases with LOS of 0 days, but these codes often appear as part of a bigger procedure, such as partial lobectomy of lung, where patients will be staying in hospital. As such, the Average LOS could vary or be higher than would be expected if just that one operation was performed.

Given the length of time it would take to do, we were not able obtain which patients were inpatients/outpatients. The Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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