

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-204

5 May 2021

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

1. What are the total number of referrals for primary inguinal, femoral, umbilical and epigastric hernia repairs at your trust in the last 10 years with a year on year breakdown?

The Trust does not hold this information

2. What are the total number of primary inguinal, femoral, umbilical and epigastric hernia repairs performed at your trust in the last 10 years with a year on year breakdown?

2013 = 211

2014 = 251

2015 = 361

2016 = 232

2017 = 214

2018 = 297

2019 = 317

2020 = 257

2021 = 179

3. What proportion of these hernia patients were treated by local anaesthetic, general anaesthetic, open repair and laparoscopic repair?

Anaesthesia procedures not recorded, so unable to identify.

Number of hernia repair episodes that involved laparoscopic repair was 465

4. What proportion of hernia patients required an overnight stay during the period above or for what period you are able to provide this?

991 patients required an overnight stay

5. What is the average wait time to be seen in an outpatient clinic?

119 days

6. What is the average time from being listed for surgery to the operation being performed?

Average wait since wait list addition for those admitted electively

95 days

7. How many patients have required readmission following any type of hernia surgery outlined above?

The Trust does not hold this information

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
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Marlborough Street
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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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