

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-125**

22 March 2022

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 of the information you are requesting

**1. Does your NHS trust have an orthopaedic service?**

Yes

**If yes:**

**A. How many prosthetic joint infections have been recorded between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

14

**B. How many prosthetic joint infections have been recorded between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

37

**C. How many episodes of osteomyelitis have been recorded between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

253

**D. How many episodes of osteomyelitis have been recorded between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

199

**E. How many episodes of septic arthritis have been recorded between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

80

**F. How many episodes of septic arthritis have been recorded between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

63

**G. How many episodes of fracture related infections have been recorded between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

42

**H. How many episodes of fracture related infections have been recorded between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

50

**2. Does your NHS trust perform knee anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction surgery?**

Yes

**If yes:**

**A. How many were performed between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

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Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

**B. How many were performed between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

24

**C. How many surgeons were these episodes coded under?**

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**3. Does your NHS trust perform knee osteotomy surgery?**

No

This is carried out at North Bristol NHS Trust, please contact their FOI team at [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk)

**If yes:**

**A. How many were performed between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

Not applicable

**B. How many were performed between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

Not applicable

**C. How many surgeons were episodes of knee osteotomy surgery coded under?**

Not applicable

**4. Does your NHS trust perform non-arthroplasty hip surgery?**

Yes

**If yes:**

**A. How many were performed between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

115

**B. How many were performed between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

153

**C. How many surgeons were episodes of non-arthroplasty hip replacements coded under?**

20

**5. Does your NHS trust perform spinal surgery?**

No

This is carried out at North Bristol NHS Trust, please contact their FOI team at [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk)

**If yes:**

**A. How many primary lumbar decompressions were performed between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

Not applicable

**B. How many primary lumbar decompressions were performed between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

Not applicable

**C. How many discectomies were performed between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

Not applicable

**D. How many discectomies were performed between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

Not applicable

**E. How many spinal tumours were resected between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

Not applicable

**F. How many spinal tumours were resected between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

Not applicable

**6. Does your NHS trust perform foot and ankle surgery?**

Yes

**If yes:**

**A. How many first metatarsophalangeal joint arthrodesis operations were performed between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

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**B. How many first metatarsophalangeal joint arthrodesis operations were performed between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

17

**C. How many surgeons were episodes of first metatarsophalangeal joint arthrodesis coded under?**

7

**D. How many ankle arthrodesis operations were performed between January 1st 2020 and December 31st 2020?**

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**E. How many ankle arthrodesis operations were performed between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021?**

6

## **F. How many surgeons were episodes of ankle arthrodesis coded under?**

7

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.

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University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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Yours sincerely

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