

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-215

17 May 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

Topic 1: Users of prosthetic knees

I. How many prosthetic knees have been prescribed to patients in your trust in the last financial year?

We do not hold this information. The Trust does not code insertion of prosthetic knees separately from knee replacements.

II. How many prosthetic knees have been prescribed to patients in your trust in the four years preceding the last financial year?

Not applicable.

III. Please categorise answers to I and II by age group e.g., 'number of prosthetic knees prescribed to 0-4 years olds is 'x' in the last financial year'

a. Suggested age ranges (in years old) are 0-4, 4-14, 14-18, 18+.

Not applicable.

b. If age ranges suggested in IIIa are not possible, please categorise by those aged under 14 years old and those older than 14 years old.

Not applicable.

c. If IIIb is not possible, please categorise by paediatric versus adult prosthetic knees.

Not applicable.

Topic 2: Proxy measures to determine users of prosthetic knees

I. How many lower limb amputations have taken place in your trust in the last financial

year?

2021/22

Eight.

II. How many lower limb amputations have taken place in your trust in the four years preceding the last financial year?

2017/18

Ten

2018/19

Nine

2019/20

Six

2020/21

Eight

IV. Please categorise answers to I and II by age group e.g., ‘number of lower limb amputations in 0-4 years olds is ‘x’ in the last financial year’

a. Suggested approach to age ranges given in ‘Topic 1: question III’.

The breakdown of the low total numbers of lower limb amputations undertaken at UHBW results in individual low numbers which we consider 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).

III. Please categorise answers to I and II by level of amputation.

a. Suggested levels of amputation are ‘transtibial’, ‘knee disarticulation,’ ‘transfemoral’, ‘hip disarticulation’.

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b. Please ensure that it is possible to determine level of amputation for any given age group within the response.

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IV. Please categorise answers to I and II by diagnosis leading to amputation.

a. Suggested categories could be: traumatic, congenital, infection, etc.

b. Please ensure that it is possible to determine diagnosis leading to amputation for any given age group within the response.

We do not hold this information. The Trust systems do not enable coding for this.

Topic 3: Revision surgeries

I. How many of those in your trust who have had a lower limb amputation return for revision surgery at any point, in the last financial year?

2021/22 *

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).

II. What is the duration between the first operation and the revision surgery?

a. An average with justification and ranges is acceptable

2021/22

84 months

Topic 4: Prosthetic service engagement

I. How long does a patient who is prescribed a prosthetic keep their device, before a newer one is prescribed?

a. An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.

We do not hold this information, prosthetics are regionally provided by Bristol Centre for

Enablement, which is hosted by North Bristol Trust please contact their FOI team on the following address foi@nbt.nhs.uk

II. Please categorise answers to I by age group.

a. An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.

b. Suggested approach to age ranges given in 'Topic 1: question III'.

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III. What are the most common reasons for a new knee prosthetic being prescribed for each age group?

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IV. How many knee prostheses does a child aged under 14 years old get prescribed in any one-year period, two-year period and five-year period.

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V. How many knee prostheses does an adult aged over 18 years old get prescribed in any one-year period, two-year period and five-year period.

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VI. How many individual knee prostheses are children prescribed at any one time by your NHS trust?

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VII. How many individual knee prostheses are adults prescribed at any one time by your NHS trust?

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Topic 5: Prosthetic knee market data

I. What are the most commonly prescribed prosthetic knee brands and models in adults (those users aged >18 years old).

a. A ranking of the top 5 is acceptable.

b. Please also provide number of units dispensed for each brand/model.

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II. What are the most commonly prescribed prosthetic knee brands and models in children (those users aged under 14 years old).

a. A ranking of the top 5 is acceptable.

b. Please also provide number of units dispensed for each brand/model.

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Topic 6: Financial enquiries

I. How much did your trust spend on prosthetic knees in the last financial year?

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II. How much did your trust spend on prosthetic knees in the four years preceding the last financial year?

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III. Please categorise answers to I and II by age group e.g., 'Total spend on prosthetic knees prescribed to 0-4 years olds is '£x.xx in the last financial year')

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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:

Data Protection Officer

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Yours sincerely

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