

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-235**

28 March 2025

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 do not hold the information you are requesting

**From your hospital surgical database, please can you provide me with:**

**1. the number of Colposuspensions conducted in your unit between January 2020 and January 2025.**

**Of these, please clarify how many were conducted:**

- open**
- laparoscopically**
- robotically**

**2. How many of these cases have needed to go back to theatre for any procedure under the care of urogynaecology/gynaecology/urology since the initial operation?**

**Please state, what procedures they then underwent.**

The following questions, may be known by the theatre team via the surgeon's cardex (information sheet which each surgeon will have with their preference of equipment for each operation) for Colposuspension. In the worst case, it may need to be posed to the surgeons who usually perform colposuspensions but should be a quick answer:

**"Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in open cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed."**

**"Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in laparoscopic cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed."**

**"Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in robotic cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is**

**not performed."**

We do not hold this information. This service is provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact [FOIArequests@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIArequests@nbt.nhs.uk) for further 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:

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

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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