

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-258

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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 hold the information you are requesting

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:

1. How many amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?
423

2. How many upper limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?
105

3. How many lower limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?
270

4. Please provide a breakdown of the primary causes for amputation surgeries at your NHS trust since 2017.

Osteomyelitis, unspecified Ankle and foot - 49

Traumatic amputation of other single finger (complete)(partial) - 36

Other and unspecified complications of amputation stump - 35

Type 2 diabetes mellitus With peripheral circulatory complications - 33

Other deformities of toe(s) (acquired) - 23

Ulcer of lower limb, not elsewhere classified - 13

Osteomyelitis, unspecified Hand - 13

Neuroma of amputation stump - 8

Palmar fascial fibromatosis [Dupuytren] - 8

Acquired deformity of toe(s), unspecified - 8

Hallux valgus (acquired) - 8

Other congenital malformations of lower limb(s), including pelvic girdle - 6
Gangrene, not elsewhere classified - *
Other chronic osteomyelitis Lower leg - *
Other acute osteomyelitis Ankle and foot - *
Fracture of other finger open - *
Idiopathic gout Ankle and foot - *
Other acquired deformities of ankle and foot - *
Other reduction defects of lower limb(s) - *
Sepsis, unspecified - *
Other chronic osteomyelitis Ankle and foot - *
Infection following a procedure, not elsewhere classified - *
Traumatic amputation of two or more fingers alone (complete)(partial) - *
Fracture of great toe open - *
Other hammer toe(s) (acquired) - *
Infection of amputation stump - *
Local infection of skin and subcutaneous tissue, unspecified - *
Cellulitis of other parts of limb - *
Open wound of finger(s) with damage to nail - *
Rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified Ankle and foot - *
Pseudarthrosis after fusion or arthrodesis - *
Other congenital deformities of feet - *
Sepsis due to *Staphylococcus aureus* - *
Gout, unspecified Ankle and foot - *
Type 2 diabetes mellitus With neurological complications - *
Crushing injury of thumb and other finger(s) - *
Recurrent dislocation and subluxation of joint Ankle and foot - *
Cutaneous abscess, furuncle and carbuncle of limb - *
Sepsis due to other Gram-negative organisms - *
Congenital deformity of hand - *
Fracture of other toe open - *
Benign neoplasm: Long bones of lower limb - *
Other chronic osteomyelitis Hand - *
Pain in joint Ankle and foot - *
Cellulitis of finger and toe - *
Complications of reattached (part of) upper extremity - *
Other deformity of hallux (acquired) - *
Open wound of finger(s) without damage to nail - *
Stage I decubitus ulcer and pressure area - *
Gout, unspecified - *
Other specified congenital musculoskeletal deformities - *
Mechanical complication of internal fixation device of bones of limb - *
Pyogenic arthritis, unspecified Hand - *
Meningococcaemia, unspecified - *
Traumatic ischaemia of muscle - *

Metatarsalgia - *

Other superficial injuries of ankle and foot - *

Necrotizing fasciitis Ankle and foot - *

Pes cavus - *

Necrotizing fasciitis Hand - *

Rheumatoid nodule Ankle and foot - *

Necrotizing fasciitis Multiple sites - *

Traumatic amputation of one toe - *

Neuralgia and neuritis, unspecified Ankle and foot - *

Arthrosis, unspecified Ankle and foot - *

Neuralgia and neuritis, unspecified Lower leg - *

Other specified sepsis - *

Neurofibromatosis (nonmalignant) - *

Pain in limb Ankle and foot - *

Crushing injury of toe(s) - *

Peripheral arteriovenous malformation - *

Neuropathic arthropathy - *

Arteritis, unspecified - *

Nonunion of fracture [pseudarthrosis] Lower leg - *

Rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified - *

Atherosclerosis of arteries of extremities without gangrene - *

Infection and inflammatory reaction due to internal fixation device [any site] - *

Vascular complications following a procedure, not elsewhere classified - *

Talipes equinovarus - *

Accessory toe(s) - *

Traumatic amputation of thumb (complete)(partial) - *

Open wound of toe(s) with damage to nail - *

Injury of radial nerve at wrist and hand level - *

Orthostatic hypotension - *

Unequal limb length (acquired) Lower leg - *

Osteomyelitis, unspecified - *

Other specified disorders of bone Ankle and foot - *

Decubitus ulcer and pressure area, unspecified - *

Other streptococcal sepsis - *

Deformity of finger(s) - *

Combined disorders of mitral, aortic and tricuspid valves - *

Osteomyelitis, unspecified Lower leg - *

Pain in limb Multiple sites - *

Osteonecrosis, unspecified Ankle and foot - *

Pathological fracture, not elsewhere classified Hand - *

Disruption of operation wound, not elsewhere classified - *

Peripheral vascular disease, unspecified - *

Dissection of aorta [any part] - *

Polyarthrosis, unspecified - *

Other acute osteomyelitis Hand - *

Pyogenic arthritis, unspecified Ankle and foot - *

Embolism and thrombosis of arteries of lower extremities - *

Congenital absence of both forearm and hand - *

Enthesopathy, unspecified Lower leg - *

Hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy - *

Failure and rejection of other transplanted organs and tissues - *

Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita - *

Follow-up care involving plastic surgery of upper extremity - *

Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other internal prosthetic devices, implants and grafts - *

Other complications of procedures, not elsewhere classified - *

Staphylococcal arthritis and polyarthritis Hand - *

Fracture of bone in neoplastic disease Lower leg - *

Traumatic amputation at level between shoulder and elbow - *

Acquired clawhand, clubhand, clawfoot and clubfoot Ankle and foot - *

Congenital malformation syndromes involving early overgrowth - *

Fracture of metatarsal bone closed - *

Corns and callosities - *

Acute transmural myocardial infarction of inferior wall - *

Type 1 diabetes mellitus With peripheral circulatory complications - *

Acute vascular disorders of intestine - *

Type 2 diabetes mellitus With other specified complications - *

Other osteomyelitis Ankle and foot - *

Longitudinal reduction defect of femur - *

Fused fingers - *

Malignant neoplasm: Connective and soft tissue of lower limb, including hip - *

Other specified congenital malformations of limb(s) - *

Open wound of other parts of foot - *

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. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

5. How many active amputation cases were managed by your NHS trust between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024? Please provide the figure broken down by gender and the following age groups:

- Baby (up to 1 year)
- Toddler (1 to 3 years)

- **Child (4 to 12 years)**
- **Teenager (13 to 19 years)**
- **Young people (20 to 24 years)**
- **Adult (25 to 64 years)**
- **Older people (65 and over)**

We do not hold this information. Please note, 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.

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

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