

FoI request re: amputation operations

Ref: 19-NF-2911

Dear,

Thank you for your request for information relating to a list of amputation operations over the past ten years.

This was received on 3 November 2019 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

Request 1:

A list of every amputation operation at your hospital over the past ten years.

We are only to provide information from 2013 onwards.

Amputation of finger	≤5
Amputation of toe	31
Amputation of leg	9
Amputation of foot	≤5
Re-amputation of stump	≤5

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

Request 2:

The amount of cases of the above that have resulted in claims of medical negligence: 5 cases (This information covers the preceding 10 years)

Request 3:

The amount of cases of the above that have resulted in your informing your insurers of a possible claim for medical negligence: 5 cases

Request 4:

The details of each incident:

Patient 1	Knee amputation
Patient 2	Leg amputation
Patient 3	Fingers amputation
Patient 4	Knee amputation
Patient 5	Foot amputation

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I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with this response, Whittington Health operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found below:

FOI Complaints:

In the first instance, write to:

Director Lead for Information Governance

Chief Operating Officer
Jenner Building
Magdala Avenue
London
N19 5NF
020 7288 5255
foi.whitthealth@nhs.net

If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745
www.ico.org.uk

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