



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-429

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Date: 31st October 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st October 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Radiology & Embolisation

Q1 I am making the following request for information about your hospital's radiology services under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

How many prostate artery embolisation procedures have been performed in your Trust in total?

Can you give me a yearly breakdown of list the number of procedures performed in each calendar year for the past 10 years e.g. 2024 - 50 procedures (to date), 2023 - 81 procedures, etc.

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However, as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency, we can band the numbers as being <5

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

2023 – <5

2024 – <5

We can confirm that there were no patients prior to 2023

Q2 How many uterine artery embolisation procedures have been performed in your Trust in total?

Can you give me a yearly breakdown of list the number of procedures performed in each calendar year for the past 10 years e.g. 2024 - 50 procedures (to date), 2023 - 81 procedures, etc

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2022 – <5

2024 – <5

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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