

Ref. No: 1616
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Subject: Infant Circumcision Data

REQUEST

1. Please can you provide me with all data from January 2013 to the present relating to adverse outcomes from circumcision of infant boys (aged 0-1) whether at hospital or off-site.
2. This data to include as a minimum the total number of infant circumcisions performed within the trust's catchment area, all attendances to the Emergency Department and/or admissions to paediatric or general Intensive Care Unit as a result of circumcision, including but not limited to death, coma, life threatening haemorrhage, shock, sepsis, amputation etc.
3. Data should also include any adverse outcomes which are not life threatening but are unintended consequences including but not limited to partial degloving, partial amputation, damage to the scrotum/groin/surrounding tissues, nerve damage, penile adhesions etc.
4. This data should further be broken down by year, by hospital/GP/other medical institution and whether the operation was performed in-house or off-site/in a private location.

Please note.

This FOI is for patients aged under 1, however if you can easily provide date above this age range and identify it as such this would be useful too.

Regarding the total number of circumcisions performed it is acceptable to answer only those performed by the trust.

The total number of A&E attendances and/or intensive care admissions is the absolute total i.e. wherever the circumcisions were performed, how many were brought to A&E and/or admitted to intensive care. These

should be broken down into life threatening or other adverse outcomes as per the original FOI.

RESPONSE

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Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.