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Subject: Amputation Surgeries

REQUEST

1. How many amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?
2. How many upper limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?
3. How many lower limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?
4. Please provide a breakdown of the primary causes for amputation surgeries at your NHS trust since 2017.
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)

MWL RESPONSE

1. How many amputation surgeries haven been performed at your NHS Trust since 2017?

Year	Number of Amputations
2017	207
2018	260
2019	236
2020	186
2021	209
2022	242
2023	232
2024	252

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

Year	Lower	Upper	Upper or Lower
2017	46	143	18
2018	52	188	20
2019	50	162	24
2020	28	142	16
2021	51	147	11
2022	34	187	21
2023	27	194	11
2024	49	178	25

Please note that a clinical procedure code of X12 is used for both upper and lower limb amputations and would depend on the site of the amputation.

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

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.

5. How many 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:

Age Group	Male	Female
Baby less than 1 year	0	0
Child 4 to 12 years	0	0
Teenager 13 to 19 years	5	0
Young People 20 to 24 years	3	3
Adult 25 to 64 years	128	37
Older People 65 and over	54	22