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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Could you kindly provide figures for the number of cases of appendicitis identified/treated under your Trusts by year from 2015 to date?

Please group the figures by age groups under 18, from 18 to 49, from 50 to 69 and from 70 and over. Please also include, in the same grouping, the number of deaths as a result of these cases.

Response:

Number of Spells with a diagnosis of appendicitis is as follows:

Year	Under 18	18 to 49	50 to 69	70 and over
2015	50	160	67	16
2016	52	189	63	23
2017	59	177	63	23
2018	58	203	92	36
2019	69	221	72	25
2020	35	186	79	30
2021	30	191	85	55
2022 (to 30/09/2022)	17	157	65	33

For any patients with a diagnosis of appendicitis, who died in the hospital spell, we cannot specifically identify whether that was the actual cause of death. We are also unable to provide the the number with a diagnosis of appendicitis who died in the hospital spell, as the numbers are too small and could potentially identify individual patients.