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We write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information as a provider of arterial services. We are interested in transfusion practice around UK elective open AAA repair which is not captured or reflected in other publically available resource. To accurately reflect contemporaneous practice, between the dates **01.01.2018 – 31.12.2022**, we would be grateful if you could provide information on the following points with responses as set out in the table below:

We would not be able to produce a report that was specifically for this request. The information gathered would be too huge and impossible to go through to look for the procedure involved. To ascertain this data, the Trust would need to perform an audit of each individual patient record, which wouldn't be achievable within the s.12 timescale of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- Autologous cell salvage equipment availability for the Vascular unit
- Number of elective open infra-renal (non-complex) AAA repairs performed each year
 - In whom, the number of patients who received red cell transfusions
 - The number of units transfused and phase in which the transfusion occurred
- And finally, the number of 30day mortalities in those receiving a transfusion versus not

Please provide the information in the below format:

Unit access to autologous cell salvage Yes (since year_____) / No

Autologous cell salvage is routinely available or used in elective open AAA repairs
Yes (since year_____) / No

| | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total number of elective infra-renal (non-complex) open AAA repairs | | | | | | |
| Number of above repairs requiring red cell transfusion (i.e. non-autologous) | | | | | | |
| Number of repairs requiring 3 or more units of red cell transfusion | | | | | | |
| Number of patients who died within 30 days of surgery | Patients receiving non-autologous red cell transfusion | | | | | |
| | Total | | | | | |
| Of those patients requiring red cell transfusion, how many units were transfused: | Pre-op | __ units | __ units | __ units | __ units | __ units |
| | Intra-op | __ units | __ units | __ units | __ units | __ units |
| | Post-op | __ units | __ units | __ units | __ units | __ units |

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16

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obligations of the Act, as to how we can refine our request. If you can identify any ways that this request could be refined we would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.