

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information for your Trust/hospital site(s) for the most recent complete 12-month period available (please state the exact start and end dates used). If your data are only available at Trust level (not site level), please provide Trust-level figures and state this explicitly.

1) Surgical specialties in scope

Please report data separately for each of the following specialties (use the exact labels below):

1. Cardiothoracic Surgery
2. General Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas)
3. Neurosurgery
4. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
5. ENT / Otolaryngology
6. Paediatric Surgery
7. Plastic Surgery
8. Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery
9. Urology
10. Vascular Surgery

If a specialty is not provided at your Trust/hospital site(s), please record 0 for that specialty and note “not provided”.

2) Workforce (headcount)

For each specialty listed above, please provide:

- Number of Consultant surgeons (substantive/headcount)
- Number of SAS surgeons (headcount) (i.e., Specialty Doctor and Specialist grades)

Please provide headcount (not WTE). If you can only provide WTE, please state that clearly.

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not hold the requested workforce headcount data in a reportable format aligned to the specialty breakdown specified in your request.

While workforce information is held within the Trust’s Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system, it is not structured in a way that enables extraction of consultant and SAS surgeon headcount by the exact surgical specialty groupings listed.

To provide this information would require a manual review and reconciliation of multiple data sources, including individual staff records and specialty mappings, which are not routinely recorded in this format.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this information in the format requested.

However, in line with our duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be able to provide workforce data at a broader, Trust-wide level (for example, total numbers of consultant and SAS grade doctors).

3) Population served

Please provide the total population served by your Trust/hospital (the figure you use for planning/catchment), and specify the source/definition used (e.g., “ICS population”, “catchment population”, etc.).

4) Surgical admissions activity

Please provide the total number of admissions (elective + emergency combined) to all surgical specialties in scope (i.e., the combined total across the 10 specialties listed above) for the same 12-month period.

If your admissions data are recorded using a different specialty grouping, please map as closely as possible and explain any assumptions.

Grouped specialties' for FOI:	Number of Admissions
ENT	3,764
GENERAL SURGERY	32,250
ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY SERVICE	297
ORAL SURGERY	820
PAEDIATRICS	8,662
TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS	8,165
UROLOGY	3,896
VASCULAR SURGERY	901

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the

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