

FOI 2866

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

- i) How many people have been hospitalised in the past year due to complications relating to surgery they have had abroad?**
- ii) Of those people, how many were related to cosmetic surgery procedures such as cosmetic dental work (e.g. veneers), breast augmentation, hair transplants or rhinoplasty?**
- iii) Of those people (relating to part ii), how many were hospitalised due to life-threatening emergency and/or required emergency corrective surgery?**
- iv) Of those people (relating to part i), how many were related to weight-loss/bariatric surgeries including gastric bypass, gastric band, gastric balloon and sleeve gastrectomy?**
- v) Of those people (relating to part iv), how many were hospitalised due to life-threatening emergency and/or required emergency corrective surgery?**

Response to questions 1-5:

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust cannot provide this information as it is not coded and recorded centrally. Therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of individual patient records. As such we cannot provide this as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. Obtaining this information from all surgical patients records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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