

FOI 3268

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

We are conducting a national study to assess the variation in prices paid by hospitals or trusts for three commonly used trauma and orthopaedic implants. The aim is to analyse the data and publish anonymised results to support transparency and potentially inform cost-effective procurement across the NHS. As one of the 169 hospitals/trusts listed in the National Hip Fracture Database 2024, we would be grateful if you could treat this as a Freedom of Information request and provide the following details for a 12-month period:

1. Dynamic Hip Screw (DHS)

Procedure: Internal fixation of hip fractures using a sliding hip screw system (commonly extracapsular, but may include other fracture types, intracapsular). What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure at your hospital?

Response:

Omega 3 (Stryker)

Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?

Response:

98

What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

Response:

4 hole plate & screws cost £170.10

2. Short Intramedullary Femoral Nail

Procedure: Internal fixation of femoral fractures using a short intramedullary nail (e.g. for unstable intertrochanteric or subtrochanteric fractures). What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure?

Response:

Short Gamma Nail (Stryker)

Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?

Response:

40

What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

Response:

Short nail + lag screw + distal locking screw = £441

3. Distal Radius ORIF (Plate and Screws)

Procedure: Open reduction and internal fixation of distal radius fractures.

What is the most commonly used plate implant for this procedure?

Response:

DVR or AO distal radius plate

Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?

Response:

43

What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

Response:

Cost for DVR & screws = £1122

Cost for AO plate & Screws = £673.85 approx depending on size of plate

If your response covers multiple hospital sites within the trust, please kindly specify whether the data provided is for the entire trust or for individual hospital sites.

Response:

Information is provided for the entire Southern Health and Social Care Trust.

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