

FOI 3331

20th October 2025

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**How many endoscopy staff (including consultants, registrars, nurses, or other staff) have reported work related musculoskeletal complaints in the last 3 years, in total?**

**Response:**

For Nurse Endoscopy only: <5 staff, have reported issues with musculoskeletal problems in the past and have received treatment for same.

As an employer the Trust has a legal duty to protect employee confidentiality, in line with this duty the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. The Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

We are unable to provide any information relating to medical workforce as this information is not held centrally.

**Of the injuries reported, where were the injuries sustained (e.g., neck, back, shoulder, hand/wrist, repetitive strain injuries) have been reported by staff who regularly perform endoscopies?**

**Response:**

For nurse endoscopists injuries reported were shoulder pain and stiffness as well as wrist pain.

We are unable to provide any information relating to medical workforce as this is not centrally recorded.

**How many endoscopists have attended ergonomics training in the last 2 years?**

**Response:**

All staff should attend moving and handling training as per Trust guidelines and update when necessary.

**Are physiotherapy or occupational health services routinely available to endoscopists with work-related musculoskeletal symptoms?**

**Response:**

The Occupational Health & Well-being Service is available to all staff within the Trust – we operate a Monday to Friday service which is open from 8:30am-5pm and staff can contact us by phone or email. There is also a self-referral system to physiotherapy services for staff which is accessible either by contacting the department or accessing the form on our page on the Trust SharePoint system.

**How much is allocated to ergonomic improvements in endoscopy units per year?**

**Response:**

Information not held.

**Are you currently using any form of equipment to assist with endoscope grip during colonoscopy? e.g.**

**Response:**

Gauze is routinely used.

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