

FOI 3571

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I would be very grateful if you could provide me with the following under the Freedom of Information Act

- a copy of your hospital inpatient tracheostomy policy / policies (CAH/ DHH)

**Response:**

Please see Emergency Tracheostomy Management Policy attached

- number of percutaneous tracheostomies performed per year in CAH ICU (1st Jan 2020 - 31 Dec 2025)

- number of discharges from ICU of patients with tracheostomies (1st Jan 2020 - 31 Dec 2025)

**Response:**

Year	Number of percutaneous tracheostomies performed in CAH ICU	Number of discharges from ICU of patients with tracheostomies (Incl. percutaneous & surgical)
Jan – Dec 2020	<5	<5
Jan – Dec 2021	6	<5
Jan – Dec 2022	7	<5
Jan – Dec 2023	<5	0
Jan – Dec 2024	<5	<5
Jan – Dec 2025	5	<5

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, 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. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition 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 exact figures from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the 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

**-number of surgical tracheostomies performed per year in CAH (1st Jan 2020 - 31 Dec 2025)**

**Response:**

Number of Surgical Tracheostomy\* performed in CAH & DHH  
 Notes – TMS  
 Data is based on "Status" = FINI \*Surgical tracheostomy is based on Proc Code (1- 5) = ENTGEN 95 as provided by requestor

Sum of Count OP Number		HOSPITAL	
Calendar Year	Calendar Month	Craigavon	Daisy Hill
2020	JUL	<5	
	OCT	<5	
	NOV	<5	
2021	MAR	8	
	MAY	<5	
	JUN	<5	
	JUL	9	
	AUG	<5	
	OCT	<5	
	NOV	<5	
	DEC	<5	

<b>2022</b>	JAN	<5	
	MAR	<5	
	APR	<5	
	MAY	<5	
	JUN	<5	
	SEP	<5	
	OCT	<5	
	DEC	<5	
<b>2023</b>	JAN	6	
	FEB	0	<5
	APR	<5	
	JUN	9	
	JUL	10	<5
	AUG	9	
	SEP	<5	
	NOV	<5	
<b>2024</b>	MAR	<5	
	APR	<5	<5
	JUN	<5	<5
	AUG	<5	
	OCT	<5	
	DEC	<5	
<b>2025 (Up to 7th May only)</b>	JAN	<5	
	FEB	6	
	MAR	<5	
	APR	5	
	MAY	<5	

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