

FOI 3864

28th July 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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.

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”.

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.

Response:

Specialty	Headcount by Grade		
	Consultant	SAS	Total HC
Cardiothoracic Surgery			0
General Surgery	12	3	15
General Surgery - Breast Only	3	2	5
Neurosurgery			0
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery			0
ENT / Otolaryngology	6	6	12
Paediatric Surgery			0
Plastic Surgery			0
Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery	14	11	25
Urology	4	6	10
Vascular Surgery			0
Overall Total	39	28	67

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.).

Response:

Health and Social Care Trust Code	Health and Social Care Trust Label	Count
SHSCT	Southern	390,976

3) Surgical admissions activity

Please provide the total number of admissions (elective + emergency combined) to all surgical specialties provided, stratified across each specialty for the same 12-month period

Response:

Number of Inpatient Admissions to SHSCT with Specific Specialty*
Date of Admission between 01.06.25-31.05.26

Department Specialty	No of IP Admissions and Daycases
General Surgery	12356
Cardiothoracic Surgery	<5
Neurosurgery	< 5
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	< 5
Ear,Nose,&Throat (ENT)	59
Paediatric Surgery	0
Plastic Surgery	0
Trauma and Orthopaedics	2499
Urology	28
Vascular Surgery	< 5
Total	14367

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient 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. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves. 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 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.

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