

FOI 2537

31 July 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. **Number of annual Transperineal prostate biopsies undertaken in the Trust?**

Response:

Between 01.04.23 - 31.03.24 - 28

2. **Number of annual Transrectal prostate biopsies undertaken in the Trust?**

Response:

None

3. **Number of annual targeted prostate biopsies undertaken in the Trust.**

Response:

This information is not recorded.

4. **Number of annual prostate biopsies undertaken in an Outpatient setting**

Response:

Between 01.04.23 – 31.03.24 - <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 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.

5. Which groups of staff are performing prostate biopsies? E.g., Urologist, Radiologist, Associate Physician, Nurse Practitioner etc.

Response:

2 Clinical Nurse Specialists deliver the majority of the Outpatient biopsies with support from 2 consultants, who undertake a small number of Out Patient Transperineal biopsies.

All General Anaesthetics Transperineal biopsies are undertaken by the 2 consultants.

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