

Our ref: **NIC-69924-WVFKT**

29th Nov 2010

Dear Ms Hall

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care (NHS IC) has considered your query dated the 1st November 2010.

"I would be grateful if you could provide me with figures at UHB

Foundation NHS Trust for the year 2007 to 2008 of:-

- 1. the number of wrong site operations*
- 2. surgical instruments left in situ following surgery*
- 3. operations cancelled due to incorrect documentation*
- 4. surgical infection figures*
- 5. surgery related injuries or fatalities"*

Thank you for your request for information, I can confirm that the NHS IC does not hold the specific information you have requested. To produce the data would require new analyses to be carried out. This analysis is likely to entail complex and time consuming work in order to produce a bespoke report. Therefore, setting the information outside of the FOI Act which covers 'recorded held' information.

This information can be obtained by requesting a tailor made report from HES Online. To obtain a tailor made report you need to follow the link on the front page of the HES Online website which says 'Request a tailor made report'. This link then directs you to a page where you can download a tabulation/extract request pack which also includes details of where to send the completed pack as well as the charges that may occur. www.hesonline.nhs.uk.

Alternatively, it may be helpful to contact University Hospital Birmingham (UHB) directly to ascertain if they collect this data locally.

I hope you understand the reasons why we are unable to supply the information requested. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the xxxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx mail address or by post at the above postal address.

I will assume that your request to the organisation is now closed.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Anderson
Higher Information Governance Officer

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