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Dear Mr/s Singh

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 12/13: 335

Response Letter

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 22nd February, and subsequently clarified on the 25th February, 2013

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

You were requesting information regarding paediatric surgery

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

1. Does your trust perform elective general paediatric surgery, e.g. orchidopexy for undescended testes, inguinal herniotomy and circumcisions?

Response 1:

Yes

2. If so, who performs these operations, e.g. Adult surgeon with paediatric interest, paediatric surgeon from another trust?

Response 2:

Adult surgeon with paediatric interest

3. If adult surgeon, what is their primary speciality (e.g. vascular, urology, upper GI, colorectal)?

Response 3:

GI, Vascular, Urology and Maxillofacial.

4. How many operating sessions of general paediatric surgery are performed every week in your trust?

Regarding question 4 - please use the month of November 2012

Response 4:

The Trust has no lists that are exclusively paediatric. Children are usually operated on at the beginning of adult lists.

5. How many surgeons perform general paediatric operations?

Response 5:

The Trust has 16 surgeons who perform general paediatric operations

6. What is the age cut-off for elective paediatric operations (lowest age)?

Response 6:

One month of age

7. What paediatric population do you cover?

Response 7:

380,000

We hope that you will find the information provided both informative and helpful. We also hope that you will be satisfied with the manner in which we have dealt with your Freedom of Information request. If not, please do let me know or you may ask for an independent internal review under the Freedom of Information complaints procedure at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response. Please see the attached leaflet.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you may make an approach to the Information Commissioner as outlined in the attached leaflet.

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:

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If there is anything you need clarification on, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above address or if by e-mail to foi@ngh.nhs.uk quoting the reference NGFOI 12/13:335 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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