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Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: 87698**

Please find below the response to your Freedom of Information request to Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

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*In the last 12 months available data, how many patients listed for major elective blood loss surgery were screened 6 weeks prior to the procedure for iron deficiency anaemia? How many patients were not?*

*Of the patients who were screened and anaemia was present had serum ferritin levels tested?*

*Of those patients diagnosed with iron-deficiency anaemia, how many were offered appropriate iron treatment?*

*Below are the OPCS codes to be considered when reviewing major elective blood loss surgery:*

K453 W373 M022  
K262 W383 L294  
K255 W384 L601  
H072 W374 L593  
H333 Q074 L194  
H071 Q075 L295  
H336 W403 W371  
H073 W402 W381  
H074 M025 W941  
M341 M021 W401  
M343 M039

*If at all possible, could you provide a break down for each answer by what CCG the patients came from?*

A process is in place to refer and correct anaemia across the Trust and this is utilised for all patients following diagnosis or a listing for surgery. All referrals for correction of anaemia require a recent ferritin result. Unfortunately due to the data collection volumes requested, the Trust considers it is exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, as the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

Please let us know if you require more details or further clarification. You can find out more about the Trust and our publication scheme at our website<sup>2</sup>.

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Yours faithfully,



Jon Findlay.  
Chief Operating Officer

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/foi/freedom-of-information.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ico.org.uk>