

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 4677

Please reply to:
FOI Administrator
Trust Management
Maidstone Hospital
Hermitage Lane
Maidstone
Kent
ME16 9QQ
Email: mtw-tr.foiadmin@nhs.net

16 August 2018

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to thyroid surgery.

You asked:

1). Do any of the hospital (s) in your Trust admit as daycase or longer patients who are admitted to undergo thyroid surgery?

2a) How many consultant surgeon(s) in your trust undertake thyroid surgery operations?

2b) What are the parent specialties of each of the surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery operations e.g. general surgery, endocrine surgery, otolaryngology, OMFS etc.

2c) In 2017 (1st Jan to 31st Dec 2017) how many thyroid operations procedures did each consultant surgeon undertake (include number undertaken by other team members where the patients were under the care of the consultant). Please break down also by parent specialty

2c) i) How many of the consultant surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery in your trust submit all or most of their thyroid patient outcome data to the United Kingdom Register of Thyroid and Endocrine Surgery (UKRETS) provided by British Association of Thyroid and Endocrine Surgery?

ii) Of this group what is the breakdown of their parent speciality(ies)

2d) With regard to the local Thyroid cancer MDT how many of the consultant surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery in your trust or other health service organisation are:

i) Core members of the local thyroid cancer MDT.

ii) Extended members of the local thyroid cancer MDT.

iii) Not connected with the local thyroid cancer MDT.

2e) Which Trust or other health service organisation and which hospital site hosts the local thyroid Cancer MDT that connected surgeons attend?

3) This question only applies if your Trust or other Health Service Organisation Hosts the local Thyroid MDT.

3a) What is the frequency of the local thyroid cancer MDT meeting?

3b) Is the MDT:

i) 'Stand alone '

ii) *Adjacent in time to the Head and Neck MDT but not within the Head and Neck MDT*

iii) *Within the Head and Neck MDT.*

iv) *Other – please give details:*

v) *What medical / surgical / diagnostic specialties are represented in the CORE membership of the MDT (doctors only)*

vi) *What medical / surgical / diagnostic specialties are represented in the EXTENDED membership of the MDT (doctors only)*

3c) *Does the MDT Routinely discuss the following groups of patients?*

i) *Patients who are being investigated but have not yet had surgery but where pre operative investigation has shown a high likelihood of*

ii) *Patients who are being investigated but have not yet had surgery but where pre operative investigation has shown an intermediate risk of cancer*

iii) *Patients who have had thyroid surgery and where histopathology has shown thyroid cancer in the resected specimen?*

Trust response:

1. Yes

2.

2a. 2

2b. 2 ENT

2c.

January 1st - December 31st 2017

Cons name	Rep_Spec	Count of DistrictNumber
Generic A&E consultant	Interventional Radiology	132
Consultant 2	ENT	86
Consultant 3	ENT	5
Consultant 4	Care of the Elderly	1
Consultant 5	Gastroenterology	1
Consultant 6	ENT	1
Consultant 7	ENT	1
		227

OPCS codes used to identify Thyroid surgery

B08.1-B16.9

Codes which were recorded in the data:

Prim_Proc	OPCS desc prim proc	Count of DistrictNumber
B081	EXCISION OF THYROID GLAND	30
B083	EXCISION OF THYROID GLAND	43
B101	OPERATIONS ON THYROGLOSSAL TISSUE	4
B103	OPERATIONS ON THYROGLOSSAL TISSUE	1

B104	OPERATIONS ON THYROGLOSSAL TISSUE	1
B122	OTHER OPERATIONS ON THYROID GLAND	129
B128	OTHER OPERATIONS ON THYROID GLAND	2
B144	EXCISION OF PARATHYROID GLAND	2
B145	EXCISION OF PARATHYROID GLAND	11
B149	EXCISION OF PARATHYROID GLAND	3
B162	OTHER OPERATIONS ON PARATHYROID GLAND	1
Grand Total		227

2d.

i) Core members of the local thyroid cancer MDT.

2e. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and Maidstone Hospital

Section 3

3(a) Monthly (2nd Friday of the month)

3(b)

(i) Stand Alone-Yes

(ii) No

(iii) No

(iv) No

(v) Thyroid surgeons, Nuclear Medicine consultants, Radiologist, oncologists, endocrinologist, pathologist

(vi) General surgeons sometimes attend from other trusts (mainly DVH)

3(c)

(i) Yes

(ii) Yes

(iii) Yes