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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 hip revisions in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Please provide the number of hip implant revisions the Trust has carried out in the last three calendar years. For your information, a hip implant revision is the surgery carried out on someone who has previously had a hip replacement. The revision involves either resurfacing the device that was initially implanted or replacing it.

And, provided it does not exceed the cost limit, please provide information on the initial implant which had to be revised in the revision surgery - namely the type of implant (ie metal-on-metal, ceramic-on-metal etc etc) and the manufacturer.

The total number of hip revisions performed at Tunbridge Wells hospital over the last 3 years is as follows:

2013 1082014 1122015 87

These figures comprise a combination of single stage, stage one and stage two revisions.

The information on the initial implant which had to be revised is not kept electronically. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.