

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 17-760**

Date 12 January 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1. The number of women having hymen reconstruction surgery (Also known as hymenoplasty or hymenorrhaphy) carried out each year for 2007-2017 within your NHS trust. *If the figures for 10 years will take too long, then please provide the figures for the past five years (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017)***

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
**	0	0	**	0	0	0	0	0	**	**

Where the figures are fewer than 5, this has been denoted by \*\*. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. Therefore under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

- 2. The total cost of the procedures each year within your NHS trust.**

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
£642	0	0	£1,132	0	0	0	0	0	£852	£1,108

Please note we have used tariff values as a proxy for costs, using the tariff in each of the years where readily available.

- 3. The religion, marital status and ethnicity of the individuals, if this information is recorded.**

We unable to provide the requested information as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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