

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-666

20 November 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. A list of every amputation operation at your hospital over the past ten years.
Please see below a list of amputations from our database. The trust has data from April 2010.

Year	Operation description	Number of cases/instances
2010	Amputation of finger	12
	Amputation of foot	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg above knee	15
	Amputation of leg below knee	20
	Amputation of toe	24
	Operations on amputation stump	5
	Amputation of arm	Less than 5
2011	Amputation of finger	5
	Amputation of foot	8
	Amputation of leg above knee	26
	Amputation of leg below knee	25
	Amputation of leg through knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of toe	56
	Operations on amputation stump	7
Amputation of cervix uteri	Less than 5	
2012	Amputation of finger	9
	Amputation of foot	5
	Amputation of leg above knee	25
	Amputation of leg below knee	32
	Amputation of toe	83
	Operations on amputation stump	10
	Amputation of cervix uteri	Less than 5

2013	Amputation of hand	Less than 5
	Amputation of finger	9
	Amputation of foot	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg above knee	46
	Amputation of leg below knee	51
	Amputation of leg through knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of toe	76
	Operations on amputation stump	12
	Amputation of cervix uteri	Less than 5
	Amputation below knee	Less than 5
	2014	Amputation of hand
Amputation of finger		45
Amputation of foot		Less than 5
Amputation of leg above knee		37
Amputation of leg below knee		52
Amputation of leg through knee		Less than 5
Amputation of toe		90
Operations on amputation stump		26
Amputation of arm		Less than 5
Amputation of cervix uteri		Less than 5
2015		Amputation of hand
	Amputation of finger	39
	Amputation of foot	5
	Amputation of leg below knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of toe	35
	Operations on amputation stump	15
	Amputation of cervix uteri	Less than 5
2016	Amputation of hand	7
	Amputation of finger	38
	Amputation of foot	6
	Amputation of leg below knee	10
	Amputation of leg through knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of toe	22
	Operations on amputation stump	10
	Amputation of arm	Less than 5
2017	Amputation of hand	10
	Amputation of finger	36
	Amputation of foot	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg above knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg below knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg through knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of toe	14
	Operations on amputation stump	7
	Amputation of arm	Less than 5
2018	Amputation of hand	7

	Amputation of finger	24
	Amputation of foot	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg above knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg below knee	6
	Amputation of leg through knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of toe	14
	Operations on amputation stump	8
2019	Amputation of hand	6
	Amputation of finger	27
	Amputation of foot	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg above knee	Less than 5
	Amputation of leg below knee	5
	Amputation of toe	16
	Operations on amputation stump	7
	Amputation of arm	Less than 5
Grand Total		1261

Please note that many patients had multiple operations done on the same day, therefore the above are instances and not number of patients.

Please also note that where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by “Less than 5”. Where numbers are low, we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. 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 find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

2. The amount of cases of the above that have resulted in claims of medical negligence. Since 2012 (the date from which we are able to search our claims database), no amputation operation has resulted in a claim for medical negligence.
3. The amount of cases of the above that have resulted in your informing your insurers of a possible claim for medical negligence.
We only inform our insurers when an actual claim is made.
4. The details of each incident.
Not applicable.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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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

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Yours sincerely

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