

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 18-235**

Date 31 May 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

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

**Thyroid surgery in your Trust or other health service organisation**

2. **How many consultant surgeon(s) in your trust or other health service organisation undertake thyroid surgery operations?**  
There are 11 consultant surgeons in our Trust who undertake thyroid surgery operations.
3. **What are the parent specialties of each of the surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery operations eg general surgery, endocrine surgery, otolaryngology, OMFS etc. Please give numbers for each eg 2 Otolaryngology , 1 General Surgery etc.**

<b>ENT</b>	5
<b>Paediatric ENT</b>	3 (1 also does adults)
<b>MXFX</b>	2
<b>Paediatric Surgery</b>	2

4. In 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> 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. In case of consultants working together on the same patient at the same time, please just include the information for the consultant under whose care the patient was admitted.

ENT 1	43
ENT 2	28
ENT 3	19
ENT 4	**
ENT 5	**
MXFX 1	33
MXFX 2	**
Paed ENT 1	11
Paed ENT 2	**
Paed ENT 3	**
Paediatric Surgery 1	**
Paediatric Surgery 2	**

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

5. How many of the consultant surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery in your trust or other health service organisation 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? None.

6. 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:

	Number
Core members of the local thyroid cancer MDT. <i>Please also give breakdown by parent speciality</i>	ENT 3 MXFX 2
Extended members of the local thyroid cancer MDT. <i>Please also give breakdown by parent speciality.</i>	
Not connected with the local thyroid cancer MDT. <i>Please also give breakdown by parent speciality.</i>	

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

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

**Hospital:** University Hospital Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

**Site:** Bristol Royal Infirmary

8. What is the frequency of the local thyroid cancer MDT meeting? ie weekly, fortnightly, monthly

Weekly

9. Is the MDT:

Standalone	
Adjacent in time to the Head and Neck MDT but not within the Head and Neck MDT	
Within the Head and Neck MDT	x
Other – please give details	

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

- ENT
- MXFX
- Oncology
- Radiology
- Pathology
- Histopathology
- Endocrinology

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

- Plastic Surgery
- Restorative Dentistry
- Palliative Care
- Paediatricians
- Paediatric Oncology
- Ophthalmology Surgery

**12. Does the MDT Routinely discuss the following groups of patients?**

	<b>Yes, always or almost always</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never/ almost never</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Patients who are being investigated but have not yet had surgery but where pre operative investigation has shown a high likelihood of cancer eg Thy 4 or 5 cytology or equivalent, or U 4 or 5 on Ultrasound</b>	x			
<b>Patients who are being investigated but have not yet had surgery but where pre operative investigation has shown an intermediate risk of cancer eg U3 ultrasound or Thy3f / a or equivalent on needle biopsy</b>	x			
<b>Patients who have had thyroid surgery and where histopathology has shown thyroid cancer in the resected specimen?</b>	x			

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

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Yours sincerely,

**FOI Administrator**