

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-241**

Date 11 July 2018



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

- 1. The number and cost of the following procedures carried out in your hospital (any year will do, preferably 2016 or 2017):**

**2017** - please note we are not able to provide the breakdown of costs for these surgeries.

- a. Breast cancer surgeries –  
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  - b. Prostate cancer surgeries  
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  - c. Colorectal cancer surgeries  
165
  - d. Lung cancer surgeries  
331
  - e. Liver cancer surgeries  
34
- 2. How many repeat unscheduled surgeries (i.e. second operation for more tumour re-excision) are carried out for each of:**
    - a. Breast cancer surgeries**
    - b. Prostate cancer surgeries**
    - c. Colorectal cancer surgeries**
    - d. Lung cancer surgeries**
    - e. Liver cancer surgeries**

The Trust carried out a total of 6 repeat unscheduled surgeries between lung and liver in 2017. Please note we have applied a Section 12 exemption to this response.

3. How many biopsies (if possible please indicate how many are core biopsies, how many are fine needle biopsies and how many are surgical biopsies) are carried out for the following tissues:
  - a. Breast
  - b. Prostate
  - c. Colorectal
  - d. Lung
  - e. Liver

Please note we have applied a Section 12 exemption to this response.

**SECTION 12 – COST OF COMPLIANCE / TIME COMPLIANCE**

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**SECTION 40 – DATA PROTECTION**

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, 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. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

We hope this response is helpful to you. If 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  
BS1 3NU

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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