

Date: **19 February 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5668**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

Your Request and Our Response (in bold)

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your trust regarding advice given to tonsillectomy patients.

Please see our response (in bold) to your following request for information on behalf of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust'):

*1 Does your trust / hospital(s) offer Tonsillectomy Surgery which is undertaken in the Trust? **Yes***

*If the answer no, the FOI request ends here. Please just notify me that your trust / hospital(s) does not undertake this surgery. If yes, please answer the following questions: **Please see our responses to 2a – 2c below:***

*2a Do surgeons in your trust / hospital(s) perform tonsillectomy surgery on children (under 16 years of age)? **Yes***

*2b If the answer to 2a is 'yes', do they provide patients / parents of patients in this age group with an information sheet relating to their operation? **Yes***

*2c If the answer to 2b is 'yes' please, as well as completing these question, also send me a copy of the information sheet that is provided, even if it is only sometimes given to patients/parents. **Please see attached Pdf copy of the leaflet on Tonsils and Adenoids***

*3a Do surgeons in your trust / hospital(s) perform tonsillectomy surgery on young adults and adults (16 years and over)? **No***

*3b If the answer to 3a is 'yes', do they provide patients in this age group with an information sheet relating to their operation? **N/A***

3c If the answer to 3b is 'yes' please, as well as completing these question, also send me a copy of the information sheet that is provided, even if it is only sometimes given to patients (unless the same sheet given to both children/parents and to adult patients in which case please make that clear in your answer and just provide that sheet) N/A

*4 What advice is usually given to a) Children and b) Young Adults / Adult regarding diet immediately after tonsillectomy (ie for approximately the first week or so post surgery) **This information is provided in the attached leaflet we provided for question 2c.***

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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Your Rights

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
Great Ormond Street Hospital
LONDON
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