

Date: **12 August 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5861**

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).

1. The number of isolated coarctation repairs performed in children of less than 4 months of age from 1 January 2010 – 31 December 2019.
2. For each of the surgeries listed at 1 above please indicate the duration (minutes and seconds) that the aorta was cross clamped for.

The Trust has estimated that to collate the information requested would exceed the statutory 18 hour cost limit for processing your request for information under the provisions of Section 12 (Cost Limit) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you have requested is not centrally recorded/held in an easily retrievable format. Having made enquiries with the department, they estimate from their initial review, that there are approximately 110 patients who have had a coarctation repair without bypass for which the requested information cannot be easily retrieved.

A conservative estimate of allocating 15 minutes per patient to locate the file, identify the correct sub category and then read through all of the scanned documents to find the hand written information adds up to approximately 28 hours needed to collate the information.

We calculate that it would take a member of staff a minimum of 15 minutes to examine an individual file to locate, identify the correct sub category and then read through all of the scanned documents to find the hand written information, then extract and collate the information required. This means that to examine a minimum of 110 files it would take 27.5 hours therefore this would exceeds the statutory 18 hours by 9.5 hours.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows the Trust to refuse a request where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for

Section 12 purposes is defined by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 - SI 2004 No. 3244 ('Fees Regulation').

Under regulation 3 of the Fees Regulation the appropriate cost limit for the Trust is £450. The Fees Regulation also states that all authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded if it would require more than 18 hours work for the Trust to carry out the following activities to comply with the request:

- **determining whether the information is held**
- **locating the information, or a document containing it**
- **retrieving the information, or a document containing it and**
- **extracting the information from a document containing it.**

As we have calculated that the time required to respond to your request for information would exceed the statutory 18 hour cost limit, your request for information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the provisions of Section 12(1) – Cost Limit of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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, 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
WC1N 3JH

If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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