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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

*Please can I request the following information:*

1. *How many hernia mesh implant devices have been purchased in each of the following financial years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?*

Please see below

2. *Please provide the total annual cost of hernia mesh implant devices purchased for those same years requested in question one.*

Please see below

3. *Please provide the different types of meshes purchased and the name of the manufacturer for those same years requested in question one.*

Please see below

4. *Please provide how many patients received which type of mesh in each year requested in question one.*

*Please see the attached spreadsheet for the information requested in questions 1 to 4.*

*Please note that due to system changes over the years we can only provide data from 2015 to date.*

5. *How many hernia operations were carried out in those same years requested in question one?*

Financial Year	Number of Procedures
2012/13	397
2013/14	380
2014/15	449
2015/16	442
2016/17	470
2017/18	545

6. *How many follow up appointments with the implanting surgeon are standard practice for patients who have had a hernia operation, either as a day case or inpatient?*

We are not able to provide this information.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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