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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I write to request information on the number of blood patch procedures carried out in the trust in each of the past ten years.

I also request a breakdown of:

a) The condition which the blood patch was intended to treat

Please see the attached information.

b) The title of the doctor or doctors who carried out the procedure, for example, anaesthetist, neurologist, neurosurgeon.

The Consultant responsible for the patients care is recorded on PAS, but details of who carried out each procedure are not record.

If recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment for patients we do not ask staff to search them in order to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

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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