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Date: 14th March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

1. Number of operations performed in the past five calendar years for the following specialties: neurosurgery, orthopaedic surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, and vascular surgery.

	Neurosurgery	Orthopaedics	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Vascular Surgery
2018	0	13065	0	158
2019	0	12234	0	172
2020	0	5934	0	69
2021	0	8864	0	110
2022	0	8441	0	53

2. Number of reportable / recordable patient safety incidents in the past five calendar years for the following specialties: neurosurgery, orthopaedic surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, and vascular surgery.
- a. Breakdown by incident category (if available);

A report has been generated for the above specialties there is no subcategory which will provide the information for the request in this FOI. There are over 3,000 incidents and each one would require individual analysis to determine if this was relevant to the FOI request, this would take longer than 18 hours to complete.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Regulation 4(3) of the Fees Regulations states that a public authority can only take into account the costs it reasonably expects to incur in carrying out the following permitted activities in complying with the request:

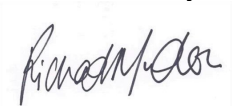
- determining whether the information is held;
- locating the information, or a document containing it;
- retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- extracting the information from a document containing it.

All public 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 all public authorities.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on email address provided. 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,



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