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Date Received: 20th June 2025

Response Due: 18th July 2025

Date: 16th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th June 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please could you provide the following information relating to coronary artery rupture incidents during angioplasty procedures—both elective (routine) and primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI)—within your Trust:

- 1. The number of incidents of Ellis grade 3 coronary artery ruptures (or all ruptures if unable to differentiate) recorded during angioplasty procedures (routine or PPCI), for each of the past 5 years (or for the most recent years available).**

Analysis of 3,981 procedures over a 5-year period indicated 38 perforations were documented.

No Ellis grading 1, 2 or 3 for this perforation is documented.

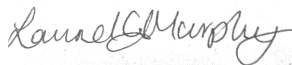
- 2. Of these cases:**

- How many resulted in cardiac tamponade?**
7 pericardial drains were inserted in addition to covered stents.
- How many required the use of a polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)-covered stent?**
27 cases required the use of a covered stent.
- How many were referred for and/or underwent coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG)?**
No cases were referred to CABG.
- Please provide outcome data for these patients, if available – e.g., survival to discharge, major complications, or 30-day mortality (if tracked).**

Please redirect your question to the NHS England National Institute for Cardiovascular Outcomes Research (NICOR) team at england.contactus@nhs.net.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Laurel Murphy', written in dark ink on a light background.

Laurel Murphy
Divisional General Manager - Medicine

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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