

**Reference Number:** FOI202223/211  
**From:** Commercial  
**Date:** 02 August 2022  
**Subject:** Interventional Radiology Service Provison including number of staff, equipment and procedures

We would like to obtain the following data for the period 1st April 2017 until 31st March 2022:

Q1 Number and type of interventional radiology (IR) procedures performed by the radiology department (only) per year in question (please see attached excel sheet).

A1 [Please see attached document: FOI 211 Response](#)

[Please note, some information has been exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved. Please refer to the Section 40 explanation below.](#)

Q2 Number of interventional radiologists currently in the unit.

A2 [Four](#)

Q3 Number of dedicated interventional Radiology nurses

A3 [Zero](#)

Q4 What is the Consultant Interventional Radiology on-call rota.

A4 [This is part of the general radiology on-call rota](#)

Q5 Are there interventional Radiology trainees in your units? If yes, how many?

A5 [Yes, two](#)

Q6 Number of Interventional Radiology angiosuites

A6 [Three](#)

Q7 Is there a day case unit in your radiology department and if so, how many beds?

A7 [No](#)

Q8 Number of beds in the trust.

A8 [243](#)

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would

significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.

