

FOI REF: 21/166

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I am writing to discern the number of circumcisions that have been done to treat phimosis (N47.1) in the UK.

I would like to know how many such circumcisions that were carried out by your NHS trust in the years of 2018 and 2019, or any similar time period for which the records are readily available. If your trust does not carry out circumcision to treat phimosis then please just reply to say so.

If possible I would like to be provided with a breakdown of the ages of the patients at the time of the procedure; either in the way in which this information is already recorded by yourselves, or alternatively in the following way:

- **Between the ages 0-4**
- **Between the ages 5-8**
- **Between the ages 9-12**
- **Between the ages 13-16**
- **Between the ages 16 to 20**
- **Ages 21+**

Please see the table below for the number of circumcisions, diagnosis code N47x, that have been carried out within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust for the period requested:

Calendar Year	Age						Total
	0-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Aged 21 +	
2018	0	3	4	7	15	92	121
2019	0	2	1	9	10	84	106
Total	0	5	5	16	25	176	227

Please note that the Trust does not use diagnosis code N47.1.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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