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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:

1. The number of vasectomy operations your trust has done in the years:

2021-22
2020-21
2019-20
2018-19
2017-18

Year	BILATERAL VASECTOMY N171	OTHER N172, N178, N179
2017/18	4	1
2018/19	6	0
2019/20	5	0
2020/21	0	4
2021/22	2	8
Totals	17	13

There is very little data for Vasectomy Procedures from 2017-2022. Our Clinical Coding department advise they rarely code these procedures for the Trust. This is due to patients requesting this procedure being referred directly by their GP to a specialist clinic, not to the Trust, but funded by the NHS via the ICB(CCG). Patients that have been coded by the Trust are those requiring this type of surgery due to medical reasons linked to other conditions.

This information shown above is based on the financial years and the following codes provided by our Clinical Coding team. The main code used being N171 for a Vasectomy, with the other codes being similar procedures: -

- N171 Bilateral Vasectomy
- N172 Ligation of Vas Deferens NEC
- N178 Other Specified Excision of Vas Deferens
- N179 Unspecified Excision of Vas Deferens

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2. **The number of vasectomy operations your trust has done that have been unsuccessful / failed in the years:**

2021-22
2020-21
2019-20
2018-19
2017-18

[There is no data available to suggest the success or failure of the procedure.](#)

3. **The number of vasectomy operations your trust has done that have been redone in the years:**

2021-22
2020-21
2019-20
2018-19
2017-18

[There is no separate coding to indicate a repeat of the same procedure.](#)

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

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Yours sincerely

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