

FOI REF: 23/642

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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'm writing to obtain the following pieces of information:

1) How many endoscopies were performed in each month in 2023?

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by searching 'Endoscopes' via the following link:

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This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

2) Of those, how many were performed by independent providers in each month in 2023?

Please refer to our response to question 3 as the response is the same.

3) Of those, how many were performed by commissioning independent providers to provide insourcing endoscopy services in each month in 2023?

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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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours faithfully

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