

FOI REF: 25/254

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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. How many amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?

2017	34
2018	28
2019	36
2020	21
2021	28
2022	39
2023	47
2024	32
2025 YTD	7

2. How many upper limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?

2017	5
2018	0
2019	3
2020	5
2021	3
2022	8
2023	3
2024	12
2025 YTD	2

3. How many lower limb amputation surgeries have been performed at your NHS trust since 2017?

2017	29
2018	28
2019	33
2020	16
2021	25
2022	31
2023	44
2024	20
2025 YTD	5

4. Please provide a breakdown of the primary causes for amputation surgeries at your NHS trust since 2017.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) does not centrally record the causes for amputation surgery. However, we can confirm that procedures will be performed on adults where there are predisposing medical conditions, e.g. diabetes or for trauma.

Vascular cases requiring amputation will normally be referred to University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust.

5. How many active amputation cases were managed by your NHS trust between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024? Please provide the figure broken down by gender and the following age groups:

	Male	Female
• Baby (up to 1 year)	0	0
• Toddler (1 to 3 years)	0	0
• Child (4 to 12 years)	0	0
• Teenager (13 to 19 years)	0	0
• Young people (20 to 24 years)	1	0
• Adult (25 to 64 years)	9	5
• Older people (65 and over)	12	5

Please note that ESHT does not provide an amputation service for patients under the age of 18.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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