

FOI REF: 25/465

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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 request data on the use and management of short-arm casting within your Trust. For the past three calendar years (or the most recent available), broken down by month, please provide the following:**

**1) Clinical Outcomes & Follow-up:**

- a) Number of short-arm casts applied.**
- b) Re-casting (refracture) rate within 6–12 weeks.**
- c) Complication rates (e.g. skin breakdown, pressure sores, compartment syndrome).**
- d) Follow-up appointment frequency for cast checks and removal.**

[We do not collect metrics or data on the information requested above; therefore, we do not hold this information.](#)

**2) Financial & Resource Metrics:**

- a) Average cost per short-arm cast treatment (materials, labour and appointments).**
- b) Cost comparison between plaster and fibreglass casts.**
- c) Total annual spend on casting materials.**
- d) Costs associated with cast-related complications or unplanned re-interventions.**

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**3) Staff Time & Workforce:**

- a) Staff time allocation per cast application (by professional category).**
- b) Average staff time required for application and removal of a short-arm cast.**
- c) Number of staff trained to apply and remove short-arm casts.**

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**4) Patient Experience:**

- a) Patient-reported issues (e.g. hygiene difficulties, discomfort, lifestyle interference).**

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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](mailto: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 sincerely

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