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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Please provide the following information for your Trust/hospital site(s) for the most recent complete 12-month period available (please state the exact start and end dates used). If your data are only available at Trust level (not site level), please provide Trust-level figures and state this explicitly.

Surgical specialties in scope

- 1) **Please report data separately for each of the following specialties (use the exact labels below):**

[Please see the attached document: 'FOI 26-150 Surgical Specialities & Surgical Admissions'.](#)

- a. **Cardiothoracic Surgery**
- b. **General Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas)**
- c. **Neurosurgery**
- d. **Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**
- e. **ENT / Otolaryngology**
- f. **Paediatric Surgery**
- g. **Plastic Surgery**
- h. **Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery**
- i. **Urology**
- j. **Vascular Surgery**

If a specialty is not provided at your Trust/hospital site(s), please record 0 for that specialty and note “not provided”.

Workforce (headcount)

- 2) For each specialty listed above, please provide:
 - a. Number of Consultant surgeons (substantive/headcount)
 - b. Number of SAS surgeons (headcount) (i.e., Specialty Doctor and Specialist grades)

Please provide headcount (not WTE). If you can only provide WTE, please state that clearly.

For the responses to Q2a & Q2b, please see the attached document: ‘FOI 26-150 Surgical Specialities & Surgical Admissions’.

Population served

- 3) Please provide the total population served by your Trust/hospital (the figure you use for planning/catchment), and specify the source/definition used (e.g., “ICS population”, “catchment population”, etc.).

The information that has been requested 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 the following link:

[NHS Acute \(Hospital\) Trust Catchment Populations |](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/nhs-acute-hospital-trust-catchment-populations-december-2025>

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

Surgical admissions activity

- 4) Please provide the total number of admissions (elective + emergency combined) to all surgical specialties in scope (i.e., the combined total across the 10 specialties listed above) for the same 12-month period.

If your admissions data are recorded using a different specialty grouping, please map as closely as possible and explain any assumptions.

Please see the attached document: ‘FOI 26-150 Surgical Specialities & Surgical Admissions’.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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Q1 Surgical specialties in scope

Please report data separately for each of the following specialties (use the exact labels below):

The information provided is for February 2025 to January 2026.

	Workforce		Surgical Admissions			Occ Code
	Question 2a	Question 2b	Question 4			
Surgical Specialities	Number of Consultant Surgeons (Substantive by Headcount)	Number of SAS Surgeons (by Headcount - includes Associate Specialist, Specialist, Specialty Doctor & Staff Grade)	No. of Admissions - Elective & Emergency			
			Elective	Emergency	Total	
a. Cardiothoracic Surgery (Not provided)	0	0	0	0	0	029 129
b. General Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas)	20	11	9740	4014	13754	021 121
c. Neurosurgery (Not provided)	0	0	0	0	0	031 131
d. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	3	4	816	4	820	061 161
e. ENT / Otolaryngology	7	6	2124	832	2956	
f. Paediatric Surgery (Not provided)	0	0	0	0	0	022 122
g. Plastic Surgery (Not provided)	0	0	0	0	0	028 128
h. Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery	19	3	3924	2096	6020	024 124
i. Urology	9	7	3278	1322	4600	
j. Vascular Surgery	0	1	349	0	349	036 136
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