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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.

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 'Surgical Specialties' via the following link:

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

Surgical specialties in scope

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

[Section 21 applied, please see above.](#)

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).

Section 21 applied, please refer to page 1.

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.).

Section 21 applied, please refer to page 1.

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.

Section 21 applied, please refer to page 1.

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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