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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:

I am seeking information relating to procedures recorded under OPCS-4 code H44.1.

Please provide, for each financial year (or calendar year if more readily available) from 2016 to 2026, the following:

- 1. The number of H44.1 procedures performed.**
- 2. The total number of bed days associated with patients undergoing H44.1 procedures.**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-466 OPCS-4 Procedures carried out in Hospitals'.](#)

- 3. The total clinical cost associated with these procedures, where recorded and available.**

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the clinical cost associated with these procedures as there are multiple factors that need to be considered and utilised in calculating the clinical cost for each H44.1 procedure. For example, a patient may undergo an H44.1 procedure and this clinical activity is recorded in our Information Management \(IM\) systems, however, the patient may also undergo an additional procedure and NHS Payment Scheme rules may render the latter procedure as the priority procedure and clinical costings would therefore be based on this and not the H44.1 procedure. Therefore, to enable the Trust to establish if they can provide this information would require collection and analysis of data from multiple systems which we estimate would take in excess of 18 hours. We are therefore applying Section 12\(1\) to this part of your request.](#)

[Section 12\(1\) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004 \(the Regulations\). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would](#)

exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

If possible, please provide the above data:

***Broken down by sex.**

***Broken down by age group (for example: under 20, 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, 70–79, 80+).**

I would be grateful if the information could be supplied in CSV format.

Suggested column headings are:

**OPCS4_Code,
Year,
Age_Group,
Sex,
Number_of_Procedures,
Bed_Days,
Clinical_Cost**

Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-466 OPCS-4 Procedures carried out in Hospitals'.

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

Freedom of Information (FOI) Team
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
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FOI 26/466 - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

OPCS4 Code	Financial Year	Age Group	Sex	Number of Procedures	Bed Days
H441	2016/17	30 - 39 years	M	1	
H441	2016/17	80+ years	F	1	1
H441	2016/17	40 - 49 years	M	1	1
H441	2016/17	60 - 69 years	M	1	1
H441	2017/18	50 - 59 years	M	1	1
H441	2017/18	40 - 49 years	M	1	
H441	2017/18	20 - 29 years	M	1	1
H441	2018/19	40 - 49 years	M	1	
H441	2018/19	70 - 79 years	M	2	1
H441	2018/19	50 - 59 years	M	1	1
H441	2019/20	60 - 69 years	M	1	
H441	2019/20	30 - 39 years	M	3	21
H441	2019/20	70 - 79 years	M	1	
H441	2019/20	70 - 79 years	F	1	
H441	2020/21	70 - 79 years	M	2	1
H441	2020/21	60 - 69 years	M	1	1
H441	2020/21	30 - 39 years	M	1	1
H441	2020/21	50 - 59 years	M	1	5
H441	2020/21	Under 20 years	M	2	1
H441	2021/22	20 - 29 years	M	1	
H441	2021/22	50 - 59 years	M	1	
H441	2021/22	40 - 49 years	M	1	1
H441	2022/23	Under 20 years	M	1	
H441	2022/23	40 - 49 years	M	1	
H441	2022/23	20 - 29 years	M	1	
H441	2023/24	20 - 29 years	M	1	1
H441	2023/24	50 - 59 years	M	1	1
H441	2023/24	60 - 69 years	M	1	
H441	2023/24	40 - 49 years	M	1	1
H441	2024/25	20 - 29 years	M	1	1
H441	2024/25	20 - 29 years	F	1	
H441	2024/25	30 - 39 years	M	2	
H441	2025/26	80+ years	M	1	1
H441	2025/26	20 - 29 years	M	1	
H441	2025/26	60 - 69 years	M	1	1