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I am responding to your request for information received 17th March 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

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Request:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to obtain data on NHS treatment of complications arising from surgical procedures performed overseas.

Question 1: NHS Admissions for Complications Following Overseas Surgeries:

The total number of hospital admissions where the NHS has treated patients for complications resulting from surgeries conducted abroad?

Yearly breakdown from January 2020 to January 2025 (or the most recent available period)?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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Question 2: Breakdown of Patients Treated:

For each year, please provide where available:

Age group of patients (e.g.: under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)?

Gender of patients?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: Data Classified Under Relevant ICD-10 Codes (or their NHS equivalents):

Please provide a breakdown of cases recorded under the following ICD-10 codes related to complications of surgical procedures:

T81 – Complications of procedures (e.g., infections, wound disruption, foreign bodies left in the body)?

T82-T85 – Complications of prosthetic devices, implants, and grafts?

T86 – Failure and rejection of transplanted organs and tissues?



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T87 – Complications of amputations and reattachments?

T88 – Other complications of surgical and medical care (including anaesthesia-related complications)?

Y60-Y69 – Surgical errors and misadventures (e.g., accidental punctures, foreign objects left inside patients, failure of sterile precautions, inappropriate procedures)?

Y70-Y79 – Medical devices associated with adverse incidents?

Y83-Y84 – Abnormal patient reactions or complications following surgery or other medical procedures?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4: Specific Details on Procedures Leading to NHS Admissions:

Where available, please provide:

The type of surgery the patient originally underwent abroad (e.g., cosmetic surgery, weight loss surgery, orthopaedic surgery, dental work, etc.)?

The intended purpose of the surgery (e.g., aesthetic enhancement, weight loss, joint replacement, reconstructive surgery, etc.)?

The type of complication requiring NHS intervention (e.g., infection, implant failure, excessive bleeding, wound breakdown, nerve damage, sepsis)? Of those open referrals, how many have been open for MORE than 52 weeks?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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