

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – our ref: FOI 19/20_311

I write in response to your request under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

I confirm that the Trust holds the information you requested. Please see the replies, set out against your questions, below:

I write to request information on the number of blood patch procedures carried out in the trust in each of the past ten years.

a) the condition which the blood patch was intended to treat

Count of patients	Treatment for:			
Year	Headache	Headaches following anaesthetic relief in pregnancy	Idiopathic intrcranl hypotensn	Grand Total
2010	*5 or less			*5 or less
2011		*5 or less		*5 or less
2012		*5 or less		*5 or less
2013		*5 or less		*5 or less
2014	*5 or less	6		7
2015		*5 or less	*5 or less	*5 or less
2016		*5 or less		*5 or less
2017		10		10
2018		8		8
2019		*5 or less		*5 or less

***In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Exemption section 40 (Personal Information) has been applied. Due to the low numbers involved, 5 or fewer, we have withheld the exact numbers to protect the identities of individuals.**

While the Trust acknowledges that it is desirable to make information as freely available as possible the release of this information would be unfair to the individuals concerned and would contravene the rights of the individual under the Data Protection Act.

The information requested is therefore held exempt from disclosure under section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act.

b) the title of the doctor or doctors who carried out the procedure, for example, anaesthetist, neurologist, neurosurgeon.

We are unable to identify the title of the person who undertook the procedure.

