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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Surgical Specialities Staffing

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. 2024 – 2025 Surgical specialties Staffing figures Please report data separately for each of the following specialties (use the exact labels below): a) Cardiothoracic Surgery i. Number of Consultant surgeons (substantive/headcount) ii. 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. b) Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas) i. Number of Consultant surgeons (substantive/headcount) ii. 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. c) Neurosurgery	As of 31.03.2026 a) Cardiothoracic Surgery i. 0 not provided ii. 0 not provided b) Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas) i. 18 ii. 3 c) Neurosurgery i. 0 not provided ii. 0 not provided d) Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery i. 0 ii. 1 e) ENT / Otolaryngology i. 8 ii. 8			

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2. Population served – 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.).		Yes	Section 21	Section 21 exempts information that is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information you require is available https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/our-

				strategy-2024-2029/what-is-driving-us-to-do-better/																		
3. 2025 – 2026 – Surgical admissions activity – Please provide the total number of admissions (elective + emergency combined) a) Cardiothoracic Surgery b) 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 your admissions data are recorded using a different specialty grouping, please map as closely as possible and explain any assumptions.	01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026 Cardiothoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery not services provided by the Trust. <table><tr><th>Admission Specialty</th><th>Count of Spells</th></tr><tr><td>General Surgery</td><td>8237</td></tr><tr><td>Oral Surgery</td><td>676</td></tr><tr><td>ENT</td><td>1744</td></tr><tr><td>Paediatric Surgery</td><td>46</td></tr><tr><td>Plastic Surgery</td><td>496</td></tr><tr><td>Orthopaedics</td><td>6009</td></tr><tr><td>Urology</td><td>6458</td></tr><tr><td>Vascular Surgery</td><td>244</td></tr></table>	Admission Specialty	Count of Spells	General Surgery	8237	Oral Surgery	676	ENT	1744	Paediatric Surgery	46	Plastic Surgery	496	Orthopaedics	6009	Urology	6458	Vascular Surgery	244			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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