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Subject: Number of Blood Patch Procedures

REQUEST

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

I also request a breakdown of:

- a) the condition which the blood patch was intended to treat
- b) the title of the doctor or doctors who carried out the procedure, for example, anaesthetist, neurologist, neurosurgeon.

RESPONSE

Number of blood patches carried out between April 09 and March 19.

2009/10	8
2010/11	12
2011/12	14
2012/13	15
2013/14	16
2014/15	15
2015/16	10
2016/17	11
2017/18	6
2018/19	5

We are unable to provide the breakdown requested. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

