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Subject: Hernia Procedures

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. A figure for the total number of inguinal hernia procedures performed by your Trust using open surgery in 2011/12- **374**
2. The number of readmissions within six months following open surgery on an inguinal hernia in 2011/12- **5**
3. A figure for the total number of inguinal hernia procedures performed by your Trust using laparoscopic surgery in 2011/12 - **49**
4. The number of readmissions within six months following laparoscopic surgery on an inguinal hernia in 2011/12 –

**We are unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.**

5. A figure for the total number of laparoscopic inguinal hernia procedures performed by your Trust using mechanical fixation in 2011/12 – **The Trust does not hold this information**
6. The number of readmissions within six months following laparoscopic surgery on an inguinal hernia using mechanical fixation in 2011/12 – **The Trust does not hold this information**

Also, please can you indicate on your answer whether the figures for question 3 include or exclude the figures for question 5? Question 3 asks about "the total number of inguinal hernia procedures performed by your Trust using laparoscopic surgery" while question 5 asks about "the total number of laparoscopic inguinal hernia procedures performed by your Trust *using mechanical fixation*".

Similarly, can you indicate whether the figures for question 4 include or exclude the figures for question 6? Question 4 asked about "the number of readmissions within six months following laparoscopic surgery on an inguinal hernia" while question 6 asked about "the number of readmissions within six months following laparoscopic surgery on an inguinal hernia *using mechanical fixation*".