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REQUEST

- 1. Number of haemorrhoid surgeries done within the trust (broken down by hospital if there is more than one site) in the time period January 2013 – February 2014. In particular the following:**
 - Number of Haemorrhoidectomies (OPCS Code H51.1)
 - Number of Stapled Haemorrhoidectomies (OPCS Code H561.3)
 - Number of Haemorrhoidal Artery Ligations (OPCS Code L70.3) *these may be identified by having the L70.3 code plus a haemorrhoid ICD10 code or Y532 and H538*
- 2. Number of Outpatient Episodes for Rubber Band Ligation of Haemorrhoid (OPCS H524) and also:**
 - Number of repeat episodes of H524 for the same patient
- 3. Number of patients listed for Haemorrhoid Surgery who ‘time breached’ the trusts referral to treatment period**

RESPONSE

- 1 Number of haemorrhoid surgeries done within the trust (broken down by hospital if there is more than one site) in the time period January 2013 – December 2013. In particular the following:

Whiston Site = 97
St Helens Site = 223
Total = 320

The above numbers consist of patients coded with the following:

- Number of Haemorrhoidectomies (OPCS Code H51.1)
 - Number of Stapled Haemorrhoidectomies (OPCS Code H51.3)
 - Number of Haemorrhoidal Artery Ligations (OPCS Code L70.3) these may be identified by having the L70.3 code plus a haemorrhoid ICD10 (I84) code or Y532 and Z378
 - Number of Rubber Band Ligation of Haemorrhoid (OPCS H524)
- 2 Number of repeat Rubber Band Ligation of Haemorrhoid (OPCS H524) = *
 - 3 Number of patients listed for Haemorrhoid Surgery who ‘time breached’ the trusts referral to treatment period

Out of the 320 patients above who were coded as specified as undergoing haemorrhoid surgery 31 breached their 18 week target. These breaches occurred over the course of the year.

**Due to the low numbers of this specific operation the Trust cannot release this information as it may lead to identification of the individuals concerned within the local area. This 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.*