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REQUEST

Would it be possible for you to give me some kind of figures in regards to how many breast cancer patients there have been in Knowsley and Liverpool area in the last 1 to 5 years. How many would require mastectomy bras and other mastectomy products. Any help at all would be very much appreciated even if you think of something that I have not mentioned please include it.

RESPONSE

The number of patients in Knowsley and Liverpool is not known. This Trust performed 309 mastectomies in the last 5 years.

Without immediate breast reconstruction will require the fitting of an external breast prosthesis both priform and silicone. Post-operative bras are provided free of charge to patients, purchased through the breast endowment fund. Patients are also now receiving their first bra suitable to be worn with silicone prosthesis free of charge through the prosthetic companies.

We also provide a free bra pocketing service through the sewing room. The material for the pockets is purchased through the endowment fund.

We have recently made available for patients to purchase through the Trust swim/leisure wear prostheses. Initial funding for this initiative is through the endowment fund.