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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

1. Amputation numbers

Please provide the total number of amputations carried out by your Trust in each of the last three financial years:

- **2021/22**
- **2022/23**
- **2023/24**

Please break this down into:

- **Major amputations (e.g. above or below knee, above or below elbow)**
- **Minor amputations (e.g. toes, partial foot, fingers)**

Financial year	Major amputations	Minor amputations	Total
2021/22	10	68	**78**
2022/23	5	90	**95**
2023/24	12	65	**77**
Grand Total	**27**	**223**	**250**

2. Cause of amputation (if recorded)

For the above, please provide a breakdown by primary cause where available, for example:

- **Diabetes-related**
- **Peripheral vascular disease**
- **Trauma**
- **Infection (including sepsis)**
- **Other**

Row Labels	Count of FY year
2021/22	
Atherosclerosis of arteries of extremities; with gangrene	<5
Decubitus ulcer and pressure area, unspecified	<5
Fracture of other toe	<5
Gangrene, not elsewhere classified	<5
Hallux valgus (acquired)	<5
Infection of amputation stump	<5
Osteomyelitis, unspecified	<5
Osteomyelitis, unspecified; Ankle and foot	17
Osteomyelitis, unspecified; Hand	<5
Other acute osteomyelitis; Ankle and foot	<5
Other and unspecified complications of amputation stump	<5
Other deformities of toe(s) (acquired)	<5
Other specified local infections of skin and subcutaneous tissue	<5
Pain in joint; Ankle and foot	<5
Pain in limb; Hand	<5
Pneumonitis due to food and vomit	<5
Pyogenic arthritis, unspecified; Ankle and foot	<5
Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone and bone marrow	<5
Traumatic amputation of other single finger (complete)(partial)	10
Traumatic amputation of thumb (complete)(partial)	<5
Type 1 diabetes mellitus; With peripheral circulatory complications	<5
Type 2 diabetes mellitus; With other specified complications	<5
Type 2 diabetes mellitus; With peripheral circulatory complications	19
Ulcer of lower limb, not elsewhere classified	<5
Unspecified diabetes mellitus; With peripheral circulatory complications	<5
2022/23	
Atherosclerosis of arteries of extremities; with gangrene	<5
Cellulitis of finger and toe	<5
Chronic osteomyelitis with draining sinus; Ankle and foot	<5

Decubitus ulcer and pressure area, unspecified	<5
Fracture of other finger; open	<5
Fracture of other toe; open	<5
Fracture of shaft of tibia; closed	<5
Gangrene, not elsewhere classified	<5
Idiopathic gout; Ankle and foot	<5
Infection and inflammatory reaction due to internal fixation device [any site]	<5
Infection of amputation stump	<5
Local infection of skin and subcutaneous tissue, unspecified	<5
Malignant neoplasm: Skin of lower limb, including hip	<5
Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus with neurological complications	<5
Osteomyelitis, unspecified; Ankle and foot	22
Osteomyelitis, unspecified; Hand	<5
Other acute osteomyelitis; Ankle and foot	<5
Other acute osteomyelitis; Hand	<5
Other deformities of toe(s) (acquired)	<5
Other hammer toe(s) (acquired)	<5
Palmar fascial fibromatosis [Dupuytren]	<5
Peripheral vascular disease, unspecified	<5
Pyogenic arthritis, unspecified; Ankle and foot	<5
Recurrent dislocation and subluxation of joint; Ankle and foot	<5
Seronegative rheumatoid arthritis; Multiple sites	<5
Stage II decubitus ulcer	<5
Traumatic amputation of one toe	<5
Traumatic amputation of other single finger (complete)(partial)	<5
Traumatic amputation of thumb (complete)(partial)	<5
Type 1 diabetes mellitus; With peripheral circulatory complications	6
Type 2 diabetes mellitus; With peripheral circulatory complications	22
Ulcer of lower limb, not elsewhere classified	7
2023/24	
Acute subendocardial myocardial infarction	<5
Algoneurodystrophy; Lower leg	<5
Atherosclerosis of arteries of extremities; with gangrene	<5
Gangrene, not elsewhere classified	<5
Gout, unspecified; Ankle and foot	<5
Hallux rigidus	<5
Idiopathic gout; Ankle and foot	<5
Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other internal prosthetic devices, implants and grafts	<5
Infection of amputation stump	<5
Malignant neoplasm: Skin of upper limb, including shoulder	<5

Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus with neurological complications	<5
Osteomyelitis, unspecified; Ankle and foot	14
Osteomyelitis, unspecified; Hand	<5
Osteonecrosis, unspecified; Ankle and foot	<5
Other acute osteomyelitis; Ankle and foot	<5
Other chronic osteomyelitis; Ankle and foot	<5
Other deformities of toe(s) (acquired)	<5
Other deformity of hallux (acquired)	<5
Other hammer toe(s) (acquired)	<5
Pain in limb; Ankle and foot	<5
Stage IV decubitus ulcer	<5
Traumatic amputation of one toe	<5
Traumatic amputation of other single finger (complete)(partial)	<5
Type 1 diabetes mellitus; With peripheral circulatory complications	5
Type 2 diabetes mellitus; With peripheral circulatory complications	20
Ulcer of lower limb, not elsewhere classified	8
Grand Total	**250**

3. Referral to treatment times (limb-threatening conditions)

If recorded, please provide the average and/or median time (in hours or days) between:

- **Patient presentation or referral, and**
- **Definitive treatment**
- **For the following conditions:**
- **Acute limb ischaemia**
- **Severe diabetic foot infection**
- **Compartment syndrome**

The Trust is unable to identify the reason for the initial referral and therefore cannot provide the requested average or median referral-to-treatment times for the specified conditions.

4. Number of emergency vs planned amputations

Please provide, for each year:

- **Number of amputations carried out as emergency procedures**
- **Number carried out as elective/planned procedures**

Financial year	Emergency amputations	Elective/planned amputations	Total amputations
2021/22	42	36	**78**
2022/23	34	61	**95**
2023/24	44	33	**77**
Total (all three years)	**120**	**130**	**250**

5. Data definitions

Please provide any definitions or criteria used by your Trust when classifying:

- **Major vs minor amputations**
- **Causes of amputation**

	Count of FY year
Major	
Amputation of arm above elbow	<5
Amputation of foot through ankle	<5
Amputation of leg above knee	<5
Amputation of leg below knee	19
Amputation of leg through knee	<5
Other specified amputation of foot	<5
Minor	
Amputation of finger NEC	<5
Amputation of great toe	35
Amputation of phalanx of finger	23
Amputation of phalanx of toe	35
Amputation of thumb	<5
Amputation through metatarsal bones	16
Disarticulation of metatarsal bones	<5
Fusion of first metatarsophalangeal joint NEC	<5
Other specified amputation of toe	81
Primary excision arthroplasty of first metatarsophalangeal joint	<5
Primary excision arthroplasty of joint NEC	<5
Unspecified amputation of toe	23
Grand Total	**250**

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Where there are less than 5, we are unable to provide the exact information you require as this may enable the identification of our employees, members of the public or

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Yours sincerely,

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