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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:

Please provide the following information for your Trust/hospital site(s) for the most recent complete 12-month period available (please state the exact start and end dates used). If your data are only available at Trust level (not site level), please provide Trust-level figures and state this explicitly.

Please report data separately for each of the following specialties (use the exact labels below):

- 1. Cardiothoracic Surgery**
- 2. General Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas)**
- 3. Neurosurgery**
- 4. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**
- 5. ENT / Otolaryngology**
- 6. Paediatric Surgery**
- 7. Plastic Surgery**
- 8. Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery**
- 9. Urology**
- 10. Vascular Surgery**

If a specialty is not provided at your Trust/hospital site(s), please record 0 for that specialty and note “not provided”.

1) Workforce (headcount)

For each specialty listed above, please provide current number of employed at the trust:

- Number of Consultant surgeons (substantive/headcount)
- Number of SAS surgeons (headcount) (i.e., Specialty Doctor and Specialist grades)

Please provide headcount (not WTE). If you can only provide WTE, please state that clearly.

	Consultant surgeons	SAS surgeons
Cardiothoracic Surgery	0	0
General Surgery	12	13
Neurosurgery	0	0
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	7	7
ENT / Otolaryngology	4	3
Paediatric Surgery	0	0
Plastic Surgery	0	0
Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery	21	10
Urology	3	2
Vascular Surgery	1	0

2) Population served

Please provide the total population served by your Trust/hospital (the figure you use for planning/catchment), and specify the source/definition used (e.g., “ICS population”, “catchment population”, etc.).

303,428

3) Surgical admissions activity

Please provide the total number of admissions (elective + emergency combined) to all surgical specialties provided, stratified across each specialty for the same 12-month period.

If your admissions data are recorded using a different specialty grouping, please map as closely as possible and explain any assumptions.

Specialty	ELECTIVE	EMERGENCY	Grand Total
Breast Surgery	446	1	447
Transplant Surgery	0	0	0
Endocrine Surgery	0	0	0
Neurosurgery	0	0	0
Cardiothoracic Surgery	600	70	670
Colorectal Surgery	543	128	671
Gastroenterology	4	17	21
ENT	846	19	865
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	1,435	44	1,479
Plastic Surgery	602	1	603
Trauma & Orthopaedics	3,088	107	3,195
Upper GI Surgery	682	142	824
Urology	1,660	74	1,734
Vascular	73	0	73

* Paediatric Surgery will be included in the main specialties.

Please note, the activity figures above have been mapped as closely as possible to the specialty labels requested, using the available recording categories. Some specialties may be recorded or delivered under broader service groupings, which may mean the activity table does not directly align with the workforce headcount table.

Cardiothoracic Surgery: The activity currently shown under this category appears to relate predominantly to Cardiology/Cath Lab procedures, including implants, heart catheterisations and angiograms, rather than a Trust-provided cardiothoracic surgery service. The Trust does not record Consultant or SAS cardiothoracic surgeons in the workforce table.

Plastic Surgery: Plastic Surgery activity is recorded within the activity data; however, the Trust does not record substantive Consultant or SAS plastic surgeons in the workforce

table. This activity may be delivered through different arrangements, including visiting/external clinicians or procedures undertaken at Teignmouth Hospital, subject to confirmation by the service.

Upper GI Surgery: Upper GI activity appears to be undertaken by consultants who are recorded within the wider General Surgery workforce group, rather than under a separate Upper GI Surgery workforce category. This means the activity is shown separately, but the relevant workforce headcount may be included within General Surgery.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team