

FOI 0506 2025 Response

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would like to request the following information regarding your Trust's Surgical Hub(s) to gain clarity on governance structures, scope of practice, and performance measurement.

I would appreciate it if you could provide the requested information within the statutory 20 working days. If any part of the information is exempt or unavailable, I kindly ask that you explain the reasons for this and, if possible, provide any partial data that may be accessible.

1. Clinical & Financial Responsibilities

- Who holds clinical accountability for the surgical hub's operations?
- Who holds financial accountability for the surgical hub's budget and procurement decisions?
- How is funding allocated between the hub and the wider trust?

2. Organisational Structure & Governance

- Can you provide an organigram detailing the governance and reporting structure for the surgical hub?
- How does the surgical hub integrate with the broader Trust structure?
- Are there any external partnerships (e.g., with independent providers or regional collaborations)?

3. Existing Scope of Practice

- What surgical Urology, Gynaecology, General Surgery and ENT procedures are currently performed in the hub?
- What are the inclusion/exclusion criteria for cases managed within the hub?
- Are there any service limitations due to staffing, infrastructure, or policy constraints?

4. Planned/Future Scope of Practice

- Are there discussions around integrating additional specialties or increasing surgical capacity specifically in Urology, Gynaecology, General Surgery and ENT?
- Are there any future workforce or equipment investments planned to support hub expansion?

5. Success Metrics & Reporting Mechanisms

- How is the hub's impact on elective recovery and patient outcomes measured?

Response

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.