

FOI 0546 2025 Response

Request

Dear FOI Officer,

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to obtain data on NHS treatment of complications arising from surgical procedures performed overseas.

Request Details

1. NHS Admissions for Complications Following Overseas Surgeries

- The total number of hospital admissions where the NHS has treated patients for complications resulting from surgeries conducted abroad.
- A yearly breakdown from January 2020 to January 2025 (or the most recent available period).

2. Breakdown of Patients Treated

For each year, please provide where available:

- Age group of patients (e.g.: under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+).
- Gender of patients.

3. Data Classified Under Relevant ICD-10 Codes (or their NHS equivalents):

Please provide a breakdown of cases recorded under the following ICD-10 codes related to complications of surgical procedures:

- T81 – Complications of procedures (e.g., infections, wound disruption, foreign bodies left in the body).
- T82-T85 – Complications of prosthetic devices, implants, and grafts.
- T86 – Failure and rejection of transplanted organs and tissues.
- T87 – Complications of amputations and reattachments.
- T88 – Other complications of surgical and medical care (including anaesthesia-related complications).
- Y60-Y69 – Surgical errors and misadventures (e.g., accidental punctures, foreign objects left inside patients, failure of sterile precautions, inappropriate procedures).
- Y70-Y79 – Medical devices associated with adverse incidents.
- Y83-Y84 – Abnormal patient reactions or complications following surgery or other medical procedures.

4. Specific Details on Procedures Leading to NHS Admissions

Where available, please provide:

- The type of surgery the patient originally underwent abroad (e.g., cosmetic surgery, weight loss surgery, orthopaedic surgery, dental work, etc.).

- The intended purpose of the surgery (e.g., aesthetic enhancement, weight loss, joint replacement, reconstructive surgery, etc.).
- The type of complication requiring NHS intervention (e.g., infection, implant failure, excessive bleeding, wound breakdown, nerve damage, sepsis).

5. NHS Cost of Treating Complications from Overseas Surgeries

- The total annual cost incurred by the NHS in treating complications from overseas surgeries.
- If available, an estimated breakdown of costs by procedure type.

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.