

## **FOI 0346/2025 Response**

### **Request**

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information relating to surgical delays caused by equipment or instrument availability within your Trust.

This request aims to understand how logistical and operational factors — rather than clinical causes — may contribute to surgery scheduling challenges across the NHS.

Please provide data for 2024, and any available for 2025 to date for the following:

#### **Surgical delays**

- The number of operations delayed or cancelled where the recorded cause included:
  - Missing or incomplete surgical instrument sets
  - Late arrival of loan sets or consignment trays from suppliers
  - Equipment or instrument sterilisation or cleaning faults
  - Missing documentation, instructions for use (IFUs), or traceability records

If your Trust does not record these categories specifically, please provide the nearest equivalent data (e.g. “equipment failure,” “instrument availability,” or “theatre preparation delays”).

#### **Delay duration**

- Where available, please provide the average or total delay time (e.g. hours or days) attributed to these causes.

#### **Reporting system**

- If available, please confirm which system(s) your Trust uses to record and categorise surgical delays (e.g. Datix, ORMIS, Bluespider, or another).

#### **Internal reports**

- If available, please share any summaries, reports, or audits produced since 2023 that discuss equipment-related surgical delays, loan set management, or theatre efficiency

### **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.