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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4373

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 02nd July 2020.

Your request was as follows:

I am making a FOI request about the number of neurosurgical and spinal procedures where the use of Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) sealants, Dural repair products, Dural Substitutes, Dural Grafts, Cranioplasty Implants and neurosurgical bipolar forceps have been used on patients in the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Please could you provide the following information:

1. The number of neurosurgical procedures where CSF sealants have been used in the in the 12-month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Examples of CSF sealants:

- Tisseel™ (Baxter)
- DuraSeal® (Integra)
- DuraSeal® Xact (Integra)
- Evicel™ (J&J)
- TachoSil® (J&J)
- Adherus® (Stryker)
- Adherus® Autospray ET (Stryker)
- TissuePatchDural™ (Tissuemed)
-  (Polyganics,  uted by Seven Healthcare Technologies)

In response to your request, whilst we hold the information requested we believe an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies to it. Section 12 of the Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the 18 hour appropriate limit prescribed in the Fees Regulations.

In order to respond to your request this would require an audit person reviewing theatre notes. The time it would take to compile and collate the activity data required by means of a manual trawl of records would be in excess of this appropriate limit.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that we have provided an attached excel spreadsheet which is a report which provides products The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust have ordered in the last year. This provides a figure of produces used overall but not per patient.

2. The number of spinal procedures where CSF sealants have been used in the 12-month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Examples of CSF sealants:

- Tisseel™ (Baxter)
- DuraSeal® (Integra)
- DuraSeal® Xact (Integra)
- Evicel™ (J&J)
- TachoSil® (J&J)
- Adherus® (Stryker)
- Adherus® Autospray ET (Stryker)
- TissuePatchDural™ (Tissuemed)
- Liqoseal® (Polyganics, Distributed by Seven Healthcare Technologies)

As Above

3. The number of neurosurgical procedures where the following types of Dural products have been used in the 12-month period April 2019 to 31 March 2020.



1. Dural Repair Products

2. Dural Substitutes

3. Dural Grafts

Examples of Dural Repair Products / Substitutes / Grafts:

- DuraGuard™ (Baxter)
- TissuDura™ (Baxter)
- Neuro-patch® (BBraun)
- Duraform™ (Integra)
- Duragen (Integra)
- Duragen® Plus (Integra)
- Duragen® Secure (Integra)
- Duragen® Suturable (Integra)
- Durepair™ (Medtronic)
- Duramatrix® (Stryker)
- Duramatrix-Onlay® (Stryker)
- Duramatrix® Suturable (Stryker)
- Duramatrix-Onlay® Plus (Stryker)

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4. The number of spinal procedures where the following types of Dural products have been used in the 12-month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

1. Dural Repair Products

2. Dural Substitutes

3. Dural Grafts



Examples of Dural Repair Products / Substitutes / Grafts:

- DuraGuard™ (Baxter)
- TissuDura™ (Baxter)
- Neuro-patch® (BBraun)
- Duraform™ (Integra)
- Duragen (Integra)
- Duragen® Plus (Integra)
- Duragen® Secure (Integra)
- Duragen® Suturable (Integra)
- Durepair™ (Medtronic)
- Duramatrix® (Stryker)
- Duramatrix-Onlay® (Stryker)
- Duramatrix® Suturable (Stryker)
- Duramatrix-Onlay® Plus (Stryker)

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5. The number of neurosurgical procedures where single-use bipolar forceps have been used on patients in the 12-month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Examples of single-use bipolar forceps:

- o Aesculap® Disposable Insulated bipolar forceps (BBraun)
- o CODMAN® VersaTru™ (Integra)
- o Adeor NXT™ (Judd Medical)
- o KCA® Intelligent, Distributed Seven Healthcare Technologies)



o Spetzler-Malis® Disposable forceps (Stryker)

At The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust there has been 295 single-use bipolar forceps have been used on patients in the 12-month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

6. The number of cranioplasty procedures where cranioplasty implants have been used in the 12-month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Examples of Cranioplasty implants may include:

- MEDPOR (Stryker)
- PMMA (Stryker)
- PEEK (Stryker)
- TRUMATCH® CMF (Johnson & Johnson)
- OssDsign® Cranial (Ossdsign)
- MEDICAL-GRADE PEEK PSI (Cavendish Implants)
- TITANIUM PSI (Cavendish Implants)
- Evoshape cranial implant (Evonus)
- Osteomatch PEEK Patient-Specific Cranial Implants (OsteoMed)
- Laserimplants (Renishaw)
- HTR-PEKK Patient Matched cranial implant (Biomet)
- SKULLPT (3D-Side)
- Glace custom-made cranial implant (Skulle implants)
- IPS Implants® Cranium - (KLS Martin)

At The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust there has been 14 cranioplasty implants have been used in the 12-month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4373 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information