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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5980

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5980**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th October 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Please can you tell me what percentage of patients seen by a spinal surgeon at your service undergo surgery (excluding injections)?

Please provide the information based on the most recently available data, preferably over 5 years. (If it is not possible to provide 5 years worth of data within the appropriate time limit please provide a minimum of 2 years, more if possible)

2018/19 - 23.07%  
2019/20 - 19.73%  
2020/21 - 19.86%  
2021/22 - 18.32%  
2022/23 - 13.10% \*

**Notes:**

Percentage based on the number of new patients attending spinal consultant clinic in year, and whether those patients had a subsequent operating theatre visit.

\*2022/23 percentage likely to be under reported because not all new patients seen in that time who need surgery will have had that surgery yet.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5980 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 by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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