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## REQUEST

### This request is for **STHK ONLY**

I am currently researching the staffing levels for certain specialities across NHS trusts. I am focused on understanding the split between the number of procedures performed by employed doctors and those performed by outsourced doctors. To clarify:

**Employed doctors** – Doctors who have ongoing employment in the NHS

**Outsourced doctors** – Doctors from agencies or ones who are contracting

If you could please provide the number of procedures performed by each type of doctor per year from 2017-18 up to 2022-23 **split by the following specialities**, that would be much appreciated:

- 1.) Gastroenterology – All medical Gastroenterologists
- 2.) Gynaecology – Please split out Obstetrics from this
- 3.) Urology – A split of only the urology surgeons
- 4.) Dermatology – All medical dermatologists
- 5.) Cardiology – All cardiologists and excluding cardiothoracic surgeons
- 6.) Endocrinology – All Endocrinologists
- 7.) ENT – A split of only all ENT surgeons

I have attached an Excel for you to fill out the relevant data by speciality and split between employed vs outsourced doctors

## RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 associated with the Act. The £450 cost limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours answering the questions asked.