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Subject: emergency scrotal explorations

REQUEST

I would like to make the following Freedom of Information request. I would like to know how many emergency scrotal explorations (a surgical procedure) have been done at your trust in a 12 month period e.g. 1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023. I would be most grateful if you could break this down by hospital site (if applicable). This information can usually be easily obtained through procedural coding data. Codes used for this procedure are N03.4, N13.2 or N13.3.

RESPONSE

Please see below the number of patients discharged from an inpatient stay, that were clinically coded with one of the below.

	Whiston Site	St Helens Site
Emergency Exploration of scrotum* (code N03.4 with Y70.1)	0	0
Exploration of scrotum (code N03.4)	17	<5
Emergency Fixation of testis or Reduction of torsion of testis*	<5	0
Fixation of testis (code N132 with Y70.1) or Reduction of torsion of testis (Code N13.3 with Y70.1)	9	<5

*Please note that the 'emergency' figures are based on whether the patients had a secondary clinical code to state whether they were recorded as an emergency.

Due to the low number of patients which with the conditions requested in the FOI any numbers below 5 (<5) have been removed for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.

