

Freedom of Information request 227-18

Request & Response

1). Do any of the hospital (s) in your Health Board undertake thyroid surgery?

Yes (**X**) No ()

If no, there is no need to answer the rest of these questions. Please just confirm with the answer "no" to question 1, including the name of your Health Board in your reply

If the answer to question 1 is 'Yes' yes then please answer the following additional questions for each hospital undertaking thyroid surgery.

2) Thyroid surgery in each hospital - please name each hospital for which you are providing a response. Please cover all hospitals in your Health Board undertaking Thyroid Surgery -

Borders General Hospital, Melrose

2a) How many consultant surgeon(s) in this hospital undertake thyroid surgery operations?

Two

2b) What are the parent specialties of each of the surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery operations in this eg general surgery, endocrine surgery, otolaryngology, OMFS etc. Please give numbers for each eg 2 Otolaryngology , 1 General Surgery etc.

ENT and General Surgery

2c) In 2017 (1st Jan to 31st Dec 2017) how many thyroid operations procedures did each consultant surgeon undertake (include number undertaken by other team members where the patients were under the care of the consultant). Please break down also by parent specialty E.g. Consultant 1 Gen Surg 25 operations, Consultant 2 Gen Surg, 10 operations , Consultant 3 Otolaryngology, 18 operations etc. In case of consultants working together on the same patient at the same time, please just include the information for the consultant under whose care the patient was admitted.

Consultant 1 – ENT - <5

Consultant 2 – General Surgery - 25

2d)

i) How many of the consultant surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery in this hospital submit all or most of their thyroid patient outcome data to the United Kingdom Register of Thyroid and Endocrine Surgery (UKRETS) provided by British Association of Thyroid and Endocrine Surgery?

None

ii) Of this group what is the breakdown of their parent specialt(ies) eg 1 gen surg, 1 otolaryngology etc.

1 ENT

1 General Surgery

2e) With regard to the local Thyroid cancer MDT how many of the consultant surgeons undertaking thyroid surgery in this hospital are:

i) Core members of the local thyroid cancer MDT. Number = ()

Please also give breakdown by parent speciality

ii) Extended members of the local thyroid cancer MDT. Number = ()

Please also give breakdown by parent speciality

iii) Not connected with the local thyroid cancer MDT Number = ()

Please also give break by parent speciality

We are part of the Lothian MDT, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we do not hold this data.

2) Which Health Board and which hospital site hosts the local thyroid Cancer MDT that connected surgeons attend?

NHS Lothian

3) This question only applies if your this hospital hosts the local Thyroid MDT.

Not applicable.

3a) What is the frequency of the local thyroid cancer MDT meeting? ie weekly, fortnightly, monthly

3b) Is the MDT:

- i) 'Stand alone ' ()
- ii) Adjacent in time to the Head and Neck MDT but not within the Head and Neck MDT ()
- iii) Within the Head and Neck MDT. ()
- iv) Other – please give details:
- v) What medical / surgical / diagnostic specialties are represented in the CORE membership of the MDT (doctors only)
- vi) What medical / surgical / diagnostic specialties are represented in the EXTENDED membership of the MDT (doctors only)

3c) Does the MDT Routinely discuss the following groups of patients?

i) Patients who are being investigated but have not yet had surgery but where pre operative investigation has shown a high likelihood of cancer eg Thy 4 or 5 cytology or equivalent, or U 4 or 5 on Ultrasound

Yes, always or almost always () Sometimes () Never/almost never ()

Other – give details.....

ii) Patients who are being investigated but have not yet had surgery but where pre operative investigation has shown an intermediate risk of cancer eg U3 ultrasound or Thy3f / a or equivalent on needle biopsy

Yes, always or almost always () Sometimes () Never/almost never ()

Other – give details.....

i) Patients who have had thyroid surgery and where histopathology has shown thyroid cancer in the resected specimen?

Yes, always or almost always () Sometimes () Never/almost never ()

Other – give details.....

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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