

Freedom of Information request 348-20

Request and Response

From the 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 in your trust:

1. How many endoscopists were employed?

11

2. How many endoscopists were colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists or nurse endoscopists? Please include any details of any other groups of endoscopists that we have not mentioned above.

- GI Physicians - 4
- General Surgeons - 6
- Nurse Endoscopists - 1

3. For each group of endoscopist listed above (ie colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists, nurse endoscopists, etc) :

- How many endoscopy lists were performed in total by each group in the 12 month period?

This information is not held, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.

- What procedures (ie oesophagogastroduodenoscopy (OGD), colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy etc) and how many procedures were performed by each group in the 12 month period?

Gastroscopy

- General Surgeons 328
- GI Physicians 493
- Nurse Endoscopist 1062

ERCP

- General Surgeon 107

Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

- General Surgeons 139
- GI Physicians 164

Colonoscopy

- General Surgeons 591
- GI physicians 518

4. How many endoscopy procedures were performed in theatres and what were these procedures?

Total of 11 procedures:

Colonoscopy	7
Colonoscopy and Polypectomy	1
Endoscopy	1
Upper GI endoscopy & biopsy	2

5. How many endoscopy procedures were performed in the radiology department, what were these procedures and who performed them (ie colorectal surgeons, gastroenterologists etc)?

ERCP + Sphincterotomy	110
Oesophageal Stent Insertion	8

Please note that we are referring to only gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures and not respiratory procedures.

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