

Date Received: 03/10/06

Date Completed: 09/10/06

Detail of request:

Please could you tell me:

- (a) How many (if any) procedures categorised as cosmetic your Trust has carried out in the NHS in the last year?

- (b) Of these, how many were:
 - (i) breast augmentation procedures
 - (ii) abdominoplastics
 - (iii) rhinoplastics
 - (iv) breast reduction procedures.

Further confirmation from the applicant, that statistics should refer to the last twelve months, ie 01/10/05-30/09/06

Details of response:

I have been informed that procedures are not coded as “cosmetic”. Therefore, we do not hold statistics as requested as point (a) in your original request letter.

With regard to point (b) on your original request letter, the procedures of breast augmentation and breast reduction have the same code, and therefore to confirm the number of each procedure would entail accessing the relevant patient case notes. In addition, where we can generate statistics of the number of those procedures you requested, again it will not produce only the number of those conducted for “cosmetic” not “medical” reasons. In order to confirm the reason for conducting the procedure, the patient case notes would need to be accessed.

Due to the numbers involved, it has been estimated to do this would exceed the £450 compliance limit of answering this request. As such, under Section 12 of the Act, we are not obliged to provide the information to you. We can however comply with our duty to confirm or deny whether we hold the information. I can confirm that we do hold information/data from which an answer may be generated.

Additional information:

Details of complaints procedure and Section 50 Decision Notice provided.