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Internal Ref: 251223
Email:

Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

YOUR ORIGINAL REQUEST:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking information regarding the use of 3D printing / additive manufacturing in orthopaedic trauma within your Trust.

If any part of my request exceeds the appropriate cost or time limits, I would be grateful if you could advise me on how to refine the request in accordance with Section 16 of the Act.

Please provide any recorded information you hold for **the period 1 December 2015 – 1 December 2025**, where applicable.

FOI Question 1 – Case Numbers

Please provide the total number of orthopaedic trauma cases in which 3D printing was used at your Trust between 1st December 2015 and 1st December 2025, along with an annual breakdown of these cases.



FOI Question 2 – Patient Demographics

For the cases identified above, please provide the number of patients by recorded gender (male, female, other) and the number of paediatric patients (<18 years), where recorded.

FOI Question 3 – Patient-Specific vs Generic 3D Printing

Please confirm whether your Trust currently uses 3D printing for:

- patient-specific models, and
- generic or reusable surgical tools or guides, and
- implants (temporary or permanent)

FOI Question 4 – In-House Workflow

For any 3D printing performed in-house, please indicate which stages of the workflow are carried out internally (Imaging, Segmentation, Design, Manufacture, Quality Control, Operation), according to any recorded Standard Operating Procedures or workflow documentation.

FOI Question 5 – Imaging Modalities

Please list the imaging modalities used for 3D printing cases (CT, MRI, X-ray), including the approximate usage rate per case where available.

Please provide the information in electronic format where possible.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your response within the statutory **20 working days**.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Formal Response

As an ambulance service, the subject of this request is not related to the services we provide.

Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address:



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You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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