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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Hernia
Repairs

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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3. How many of these NHS hernia patients were treated were treated by open air repair? And how many by Laparoscopic repair? Of those treated by open repair, how many were done under a local anaesthetic?	Laparoscopic – 75 Open Air – 486 Unknown – 1 Local Anaesthetic – 1											
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surgery to the operation being performed?				
7. How many NHS hernia patients have required readmission following any type of hernia surgery outlined above?	29			
8. How many patients developed a post operative infection within 10 days of surgery?	3* *We cannot specify that all infections are related to the hernia procedure, as there are instances where the hernia procedure is not the sole procedure carried out.			
9. How many patients developed chronic pain after the hernia repair?	0			
10. How many patients developed a recurrent hernia within one year of surgery?	0			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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