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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Exposure to blood and body fluids (BBF)

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 some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details																					
1. What number of Healthcare Workers reported an incidence of exposure to blood and body fluids (BBF) in theatre during a total hip or knee replacement, by year since 2021?	Information not held.																								
2. The average cost to treat a Healthcare Worker with a reported incidence of exposure to blood and body fluids (BBF).	Estimated cost to manage a HCW through an exposure injury (including clinician time and testing costs: Low risk injury - £76 High risk injury for Hep C - £147 High risk injury for HIV, requiring PEP - £300																								
3. Please provide details of the number of working days lost due to musculoskeletal disorder injuries by members of staff working in theatres, by year since 2021. What is the cost of losing these workdays, by year since 2021?	<table><tr><td rowspan="2">2024</td><td>Absence FTE</td><td>Absence Estimated Cost</td><td># Absence Occurrences</td></tr><tr><td>674.24</td><td>£76,849.80</td><td>44</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">2023</td><td>Absence FTE</td><td>Absence Estimated Cost</td><td># Absence Occurrences</td></tr><tr><td>511.57</td><td>£70,922.61</td><td>46</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">2022</td><td>Absence FTE</td><td>Absence Estimated Cost</td><td># Absence Occurrences</td></tr><tr><td>826.87</td><td>£70,211.95</td><td>54</td></tr></table>	2024	Absence FTE	Absence Estimated Cost	# Absence Occurrences	674.24	£76,849.80	44	2023	Absence FTE	Absence Estimated Cost	# Absence Occurrences	511.57	£70,922.61	46	2022	Absence FTE	Absence Estimated Cost	# Absence Occurrences	826.87	£70,211.95	54			
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4. What is the cost per tonne to dispose of clinical waste?					Yes	Section 21	Section 21 exempts information that is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information you require is available here: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection
5. How many tonnes of clinical waste did the Trust send to incineration, by year since 2021??							
6. Could you please provide data on reported instances where a polyp sample was taken during an endoscopy procedure but was not successfully transferred to the sample collection container? If possible, please include the number of such instances per year	Our incident reporting system reports one case in 2017 and 2 cases in 2021						

7. Could you please provide information on the average cost to readmit a patient following an instance where a polyp was taken during an endoscopy procedure but was not successfully transferred to the sample collection container ('lost polyp')?	Information not held.			
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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.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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