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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Wound Care Services

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 apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details																				
1. Please provide the total number of patients treated where wound care represented the primary reason for admission, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25. If available, please provide a breakdown of inpatients compared to outpatients/community visits.	<p><u>A&E</u> <u>Unique Patients</u></p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Number</th></tr><tr><td>2021/22</td><td>10952</td></tr><tr><td>2022/23</td><td>10690</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24</td><td>10188</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25</td><td>10242</td></tr></table> <p><u>Inpatients</u> <u>Unique Patients</u></p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Number</th></tr><tr><td>2021/22</td><td>214</td></tr><tr><td>2022/23</td><td>214</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24</td><td>202</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25</td><td>216</td></tr></table> <p>The A&E numbers include patients whose Presenting/Chief complaint or Primary Treatment includes specific wound care</p>	Year	Number	2021/22	10952	2022/23	10690	2023/24	10188	2024/25	10242	Year	Number	2021/22	214	2022/23	214	2023/24	202	2024/25	216			
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	in the name/description. Wound care in position two and further are not included.			
2. Please provide the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff delivering wound care services within your organisation, broken down by professional role (e.g. community nurse, tissue viability nurse, podiatrist), in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25.	All RNs and some midwives within the Trust provide routine wound care where required			
3. Please provide the number of Tissue Viability Nurses (TVNs) employed by your Trust, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25.	24-25 4.89 FTE 23-24 4.89 FTE 22-23 4.26 FTE 21-22 4.17 FTE			
4. What is the average waiting time for an initial wound care assessment in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25?	Information not held.			
5. What is the average waiting time for a referral to a specialist tissue viability nurse in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25?	Information not held			
6. Please provide the total number of patients referred from A&E or minor injury/urgent care units to any form of wound care service, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25. Please provide the total number of A&E	Referrals from Urgent and emergency care division (includes ED, EAU and SDEC: 21-22- 325 patients 22-23 - 451 patients			

and minor injury/urgent care unit admissions in each financial year for comparison.	23-24 - 400 patients 24-25 - 429 patients			
7. If available, please provide a breakdown of the nature of wounds or conditions most commonly referred to wound care services (e.g. pressure ulcers, leg ulcers, post-operative wounds, diabetic foot ulcers, traumatic wounds).	Information not held.			
8. Please provide total spend on wound management dressings via Part IXA of the drug tariff (see link below), in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25. https://www.drugtariff.nhs.uk/#/00726198-DD/DD00726112/Part%20IXA-%20Wound%20Management%20Dressings	21/22 - Purilon gel £29.42; ActivHeal £582.35 22/23 - ActivHeal £707.52 23/24 - ActivHeal £657.96 24/25 - Cultimed £32.16; ActivHeal £1021.14			

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

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