

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-335	2 nd September 2021
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I would like to know how many bladder repair operations, in particular an autologous sling procedure, have been carried out routinely/elective (not emergency) since March 2020 within your Health Board?

Please note that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied. The Health Board will not provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

There have been <5 autologous sling procedures carried out electively since March 2020 within the Health Board.