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Subject: Circumcisions

REQUEST

I would like to ask the following questions regarding NHS Whiston Hospital policy on religious and cultural circumcision, and circumcision performed for medical reasons.

1. For the year 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023, how many religious and cultural circumcisions were performed using general anaesthesia at NHS Whiston Hospital?
2. For the year 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023, how many religious and cultural circumcisions were performed using local anaesthesia at NHS Whiston Hospital? For example, using Plastibell procedure.
3. For the year 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023, how many circumcisions were performed for medical conditions / reasons on all age ranges using general anaesthesia at NHS Whiston Hospital?
4. For the year 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023, how many circumcisions were performed for medical conditions / reasons on all age ranges using local anaesthesia at NHS Whiston Hospital?
5. I enclose an attachment of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Infant New Born) Plastibell Service leaflet and would be grateful if you could provide me with copy of NHS Whiston Hospital's Plastibell service leaflet.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

Q1 – Q4

This information not held by the Trust as the reason for circumcision is not recorded.

Q5 –We do not carry out this procedure on Paediatrics.