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REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from SOUTHPORT AND ORMSKIRK HOSPITAL NHS TRUST . Please may you provide me with the answers to the following questions:

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| 1. What are the total number of NHS referrals for primary inguinal, femoral, umbilical and epigastric hernia repairs at your trust in the last 3 years with a year on year breakdown? |
| 2. What are the total number of primary inguinal, femoral, umbilical and epigastric hernia repairs performed for the NHS at your trust in the last 3 years with a year on year breakdown? |
| 3. How many of these NHS Hernia patients were treated by Open repair? And how many by Laparoscopic repair? Of these treated by Open repair, how many were done under a Local Anaesthetic? |
| 4. What proportion of these NHS hernia patients required an overnight stay during the period above or for what period you are able to provide this? |
| 5. What is the average wait time for an NHS hernia patient to be seen in an outpatient clinic? |
| 6. What is the average time between an NHS hernia patient being listed for surgery to the operation being performed? |
| 7. How many NHS hernia patients have required readmission following any type of hernia surgery outlined above? |
| 8. How many patients developed a post operative infection within 10 days of surgery? |
| 9. How many patients developed chronic pain after the Hernia repair? |
| 10. How many patients developed a recurrent hernia within one year of Surgery? |

RESPONSE

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Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.