

Cases Of Appendicitis

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

- 1) Could you kindly provide figures for the number of cases of appendicitis identified/treated under your Trusts by year from 2015 to date?

Please group the figures by age groups under 18, from 18 to 49, from 50 to 69 and from 70 and over. Please also include, in the same grouping, the number of deaths as a result of these cases.

Cases –

	Trust Service area	Under 18	18 to 49	50 to 69	70+
2015	North	34	67	62	* ≤5.
2015	East	83	171	55	18
2016	North	42	84	26	14
2016	East	86	172	49	32
2017	North	27	61	23	14
2017	East	77	217	78	36
2018	North	39	67	35	14
2018	East	71	174	67	30
2019	North	28	74	34	19
2019	East	99	167	83	38
2020	North	45	69	31	13
2020	East	76	172	71	28
2021	North	38	63	44	20
2021	East	66	172	82	47
2022	North	33	54	39	19
2022	East	58	149	59	41

Deaths* –

	Trust Service area	Under 18	18 to 49	50 to 69	70+
2015	East	0	0	0	0
2015	North				* ≤5.
2016	East				* ≤5.
2016	North				* ≤5.
2017	East				* ≤5.
2017	North				* ≤5.
2018	East				* ≤5.
2018	North				0
2019	East			* ≤5.	* ≤5.
2019	North				0
2020	East				* ≤5.
2020	North				* ≤5.
2021	East				* ≤5.
2021	North				* ≤5.
2022	East				* ≤5.
2022	North				* ≤5.

Please note: Although patients received diagnosis of Appendicitis under the Trust’s care, this may not have been the patient’s main cause of death. The figures refer to patients who died during their admission with appendicitis. We can not report on patients cause of death as this information is not held.

*** ≤5. Where indicated:-**

In accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles.

The Trust also recognises that whilst the information requested does not itself identify the patient(s), the questions are asking for very specific and focused details, and due to the low number of cases involved, to provide this detail would create a potential for the patient(s) concerned to be identified.

The Trust believes that the release of such sensitive information meets the definition of personal data, and disclosing the information would contravene one of the data protection principles set out in article 5 of the UK GDPR. As such release of the information would be likely to cause distress to the individuals family concerned.