

Title: Procedures

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

- The number of procedures performed for the following 8 procedures for the calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you provide it separately for each year?*

If it is not possible to provide the information requested for each hospital within your trust, please provide it for the trust overall.

Answer: Please see table below representing the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Northern Services and Eastern Services.

Hospital / Site	Procedure	Number performed in 2020	Number performed in 2021	Number performed in 2022
Northern Services	<i>Bone biopsy</i>	Nil	≤5	≤5
	<i>Bone marrow biopsy</i>	10	10	6
	<i>Microwave ablation of tumors of bones</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<i>Cryoablation ablation of tumors of bones</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<i>Radiofrequency ablation of spine</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<i>Vertebroplasty (includes Cementoplasty)</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<i>Kyphoplasty</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil

Hospital / Site	Procedure	Number performed in 2020	Number performed in 2021	Number performed in 2022
Eastern Services	<i>Bone biopsy</i>	≤5	7	6
	<i>Bone marrow biopsy</i>	296	422	420
	<i>Microwave ablation of tumors of bones</i>	60	45	41
	<i>Cryoablation ablation of tumors of bones</i>	16	≤5	≤5
	<i>Radiofrequency ablation of spine</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<i>Vertebroplasty</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<i>Kyphoplasty</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<i>Cementoplasty</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil

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.

In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.