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Our Ref: FOI 1254

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Implant Cost Data for Trauma & Orthopaedic
Operations**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above, which you requested on 26 June 2025.

A response to the questions you have raised has been provided by the Surgery Elective Maternity and Paediatrics Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Q1a. Please note that if the responses below cover multiple hospital sites within the trust to kindly specify whether the data provided is for the entire trust or for individual hospital sites. Additionally, please provide the following questions for a 12-month period.

The procedure for a Dynamic Hip Screw (DHS) is an internal fixation of hip fractures using a sliding hip screw system (commonly extracapsular, but may include other fracture types, intracapsular).

What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure at your hospital?

A1. The most commonly used implant for a DHS procedure is a Depuy Synthes, which is the Trust's only system.

Q1b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?

A1b. Approximately 78 of DHS procedures were performed in a 12-month period.

Q1c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

A1c. Please see Table 1 and Table 2 below, for the average implant and consumables cost per patient during a 12-month period.

Table 1

Implant	Average Cost (£)
4 Hole DHS Plate	110.87
DHS Lag Screw	66.37
4.5 Cortical Screws	43.64

Table 2

Consumables	Average Cost (£)
Guide Wire	£10.50
Drill bit	£23.67

Q2a. The procedure for a Short Intramedullary Femoral Nail is an internal fixation of femoral fractures using a short intramedullary nail (e.g. for unstable intertrochanteric or subtrochanteric fractures).

What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure?

A2a. The most commonly used implant for a Short Intramedullary Femoral Nail procedure is a Stryker Gamma 4, which is the Trust's only system.

Q2b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?

A2b. Approximately 13 Short Intramedullary Femoral Nail procedures were performed in a 12-month period.

Q2c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

A2c. Please see Table 3 and 4 below, for the average implant and consumables cost per patient during a 12-month period.

Table 2

Implant	Average Cost (£)
Gamma 4 Nail	358.02
Gamma Lag Screw	121.50
5mm Locking screw	90.00
End Cap	88.11

Table 3

Consumables	Average Cost (£)
3.9mm Precision Pin	44.82
4.2x360mm Drill	54.00
3.0x1000mm Ball Tip Guide wire	30.15

Q3a. The procedure for a Distal Radius ORIF (Plate and Screws) is an open reduction and internal fixation of distal radius fractures.

What is the most commonly used plate implant for this procedure?

A3a. The most commonly used plate implant for a Distal Radius ORIF (Plate and Screws) procedure is either Depuy Synthes or Acumed.

Q3b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?

A3b. Approximately 96 Distal Radius ORIF (Plate and Screws) procedures were performed in a 12-month period.

Q3c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

A3c. Please see Table 5 and 6 below, for the average implant and consumables cost per patient during a 12-month period.

Table 5

Implants	Average Cost (£)
2.4 Distal Radius Plate	412.36
2.4mm Screws	164.40

Table 6

Consumables	Average Cost (£)
1.8mm Drill bit	28.86