

24 May 2017

Our Ref: RFI 20214

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Use of Synthetic Mesh for Treatment of SUI
and Prolapse from April 2006 to Present Day**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 23 April 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

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

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

1. Do you use mesh implants to treat incontinence or prolapse?

A1. Yes- mesh implants to treat genuine stress incontinence/ rarely use mesh implants for the management of prolapse.

2. Do you use a vaginal tape to treat incontinence?

Yes- TVT/TVT-O for the management

3. Do you use mesh to repair a prolapse?

Yes but this is rarely used.

	FY16/17	FY15/16	FY14/15	FY13/14	FY12/13	FY11/12	FY10/11	FY09/10	FY08/09	FY07/08	FY06/07
M53.3 Introduction of a tension free vaginal tape	32	26	41	83	76	70	131	132	99	110	134
M53.4 Removal of a tension free vaginal tape					<10	<10	<10		<10	<10	<10
M53.5 Partial removal of a tension free removal tape	<10		<10		<10	<10		<10	<10	<10	
M53.6 Introduction of transobturator tape	<10	<10	<10	<10	29	18	28	18	28	15	<10
M53.7 Removal of transobturator tape	<10	<10			<10	<10		<10			
P23.6 Repair with of vaginal wall with mesh			<10	<10	<10	12	11	15	27	14	
P23.7 Repair of prolapse using mesh reinforcement				<10	<10	12	12	21	31	15	
P24.6 Repair of prolapse of vagina with mesh using vaginal approach									<10	<10	<10