

13 November 2017

Our Ref: RFI 21624

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Elective Theatre Sessions for the Period
2014 - 2016**

I refer to the Trust's letter dated 7 November 2017 providing a response to Questions 2 and 4. I am now in a position to provide you with the remaining responses to Questions 1 and 3 which I have 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

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Q1. *How many consultant surgeons in this Trust carry out elective theatre sessions (both day case and inpatient) in the following specialities: orthopaedics, rheumatology, neurology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology, in the last three calendar years? Please separate by calendar year 2014, 2015 and 2016 and please separate by speciality.*

A1. The number of Consultants who carry out theatre sessions is provided in Table 1 below:-

Table 1

	Orthopaedics	Rheumatology	Neurology	Ophthalmology	Gastroenterology
2014	0	0	0	6	16
2015	0	0	0	4	14
2016	0	0	0	4	18
Total	0	0	0	14	48

NB:

- The Trust does not provide elective orthopaedic, rheumatology or neurology services.
- The figures provided above for Gastroenterology are for General Medicine – Endoscopy.
- The Belfast Trust provides a Consultant outreach service to the Trust's ophthalmology patients.

Q3. *How many elective theatre sessions were carried out in the following specialities: orthopaedics, rheumatology, neurology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology in the last three calendar years? Please include both day case and inpatients. Please separate by calendar year 2014, 2015 and 2016 and please separate by speciality.*

A3. The number of elective theatre sessions (both day case and inpatient) is provided in Table 2 below:-

Table 2

	Orthopaedics	Rheumatology	Neurology	Ophthalmology	Gastroenterology Figure is for General medicine
2014	0	0	0	219	1119
2015	0	0	0	228	1049
2016	0	0	0	227	1203
Total	0	0	0	674	3371

NB: As stated, the Trust does not provide an elective orthopaedic, rheumatology or neurology service.