FOI 3511

Date 03/01/2025

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Please can you provide me with all data from January 2013 to the present relating to adverse outcomes from circumcision of infant boys (aged 0-1) whether at the hospital or off-site.

This data to include as a minimum the total number of infant circumcisions performed within the trust's catchment area, all attendances to the Emergency Department and/or admissions to paediatric or general Intensive Care Unit as a result of circumcision, including but not limited to death, coma, life threatening haemorrhage, shock, sepsis, amputation etc.

Data should also include any adverse outcomes which are not life threatening but are unintended consequences including but not limited to partial degloving, partial amputation, damage to the scrotum/groin/surrounding tissues, nerve damage, penile adhesions etc.

This data should further be broken down by year, by hospital/GP/other medical institution and whether the operation was performed in-house or off-site/in a private location.

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| Year | Number of circumcisions in Bedford | Number of circumcisions in Luton | Total | Number of adverse outcomes |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2015 | 0 | 1-5 | 1-5 | 0 |
| 2016 | 1-5 | 1-5 | 1-5 | 0 |
| 2018 | 0 | 1-5 | 1-5 | 0 |
| 2019 | 1-5 | 0 | 1-5 | 0 |
| 2020 | 1-5 | 0 | 1-5 | 0 |
| 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2023 | 0 | 1-5 | 1-5 | 0 |
| 2024 | 1-5 | 0 | 1-5 | 0 |

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Yours sincerely,

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