

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_07_17

You asked:

1. The number of diagnostic incidents – either a delayed diagnosis or an NHS worker not acting on test results – in the past four financial years, providing a breakdown per year?
2. And the number of surgical incidents – either surgical errors or cases of wrong-site surgery – in the past four financial years, providing a breakdown per year?

Our response:

1. The table below provides the number of incidents reported relating to a delay in diagnosis or a failure to treat.

	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	Total
Delayed diagnosis/ failure to treat.	13	12	11	8	44

2. I can confirm that no wrong site surgery incidents were reported during the time period requested.

Staff are required to record all incidents on the IT system (Datix) against predefined categories. We do not categorise incidents under the heading of 'surgical errors'. However, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act to provide advice and assistance, I can confirm the number of "incorrect surgical procedures" carried out over the time period request.

Please see information provided in the table below:

	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	Total
Incorrect Surgical Procedure	1	0	1	4	6