

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_197_18

You asked:

How many women presented to the Health Board with problems relating to the use of vaginal mesh in 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Our response:

I can confirm that the number of Inpatient/daycase episodes with an *ICD10 code of T834, T836, T838 or T839 and an *OPCS code of M534/5 (diagnosis of: Mechanical complication of other prosthetic devices, implants and grafts in genital tract) during the time period requested was less than 5.

Please note exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved. This is due to the potential risk of identification if we released the number of patients for the specific year who have been admitted with this condition, which might then be linked with other information available in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require the Health Board to consider the public interest test.

*Information about clinical classification and coding can be found via the following [link](#).