

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_83_21

You asked:

1. Can you please provide the figures on the number of patients who have died from AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms) in Vascular treatment in the last 10 years. The specifications for those years are noted below.
2. Can you please provide the mortality rate for patients who have died from AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms) in Vascular treatment in the last 10 years in percentage. The specifications for those years are noted below.
3. Can you please provide the figures on the number of patients who have died from major lower limb amputations in Vascular treatment in the last 10 years. The specifications for those years are noted below
4. Can you please provide the mortality rate for patients who have died from major lower limb amputations in Vascular treatment in the last 10 years in percentage The specifications for those years are noted below.

Please can I receive the information for the dates as stated below?

2011-2012/ 2012-2013/ 2013-2014/2014-2015/2015-2016/2016-2017/2017-2018/2018-2019/-2019-2020/2020-2021.

Our response:

The cause of death is not recorded via the clinical coding process therefore we are unable to provide this data. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and a specific exercise which would significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, please see provided below a summary of patients who had this condition/procedure and died in the same episode. Please note however, this **does not** mean they necessarily died as a result of the diagnosis or operation.

The data covers the time period 01.04.11 - 31.01.21 and the Primary ICD10/OPCS4 codes used were:

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms: I71

Amputation Foot: X10

Amputation Leg: X09

Amputation Toe: X11

Re-amputation Stump: X12

AAA and Amputation Deaths: 2011/12 - 2020/21		
Financial Year	AAA	Amputation
2011/12	**	75
2012/13	20	67
2013/14	11	83
2014/15	10	81
2015/16	11	118
2016/17	16	111

2017/18	17	103
2018/19	18	100
2019/20	**	87
2020/21*	**	38

* Where data is reliant on clinical coding, this traditionally has a completion timeline of three months in arrears – therefore the data for 20/21 will be incomplete

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.