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## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_31\_25

### You asked:

I am requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act.  
Could you please provide data in response to the following questions:

- 1. Since January 1, 2020, how many incidents have been reported to your Health Board involving a wrong implant or prosthesis?**  
***Please note that this is any incident falling under the following definition: "Placement of an implant/prosthesis different from that specified in the procedural plan, either before or during the procedure. The incident is detected any time after the implant/prosthesis is placed in the patient."***

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

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.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach 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.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we can confirm that since January 1 2020 there were less than 5 incidents reported involving a wrong implant or prosthesis.

- 2. For each incident, please provide the month, year and the implant or prosthesis involved in the procedure.**

Please see response to Q1 (S40 (2) applied).

- 3. In addition, please confirm the total number of cases reported between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2024.**

Please see response to Q1 - less than 5 (S40 (2) applied).

**4. How many incidents fell under the definition of a Patient Safety Incident and how many were nationally reportable? Please state which cases met this definition.**

Please see response to Q1 - less than 5 (S40 (2) applied). However, we can confirm that all the incidents reported fell under the definition of a Patient Safety Incident and were nationally reported.

**5. How many incidents met the definition of a Never Event? Please state which cases were labelled as a Never Event.**

Please see response to Q4.

**6. How many incidents led to low, moderate, or severe harm to the patient?**

No Harm was the outcome of the investigations.

**7. What were the causes of implant/prosthesis incidents?**

Please see response to Q1 (S40 (2) applied).

**8. In total, how much has the Health Board paid in damages for legal claims related to wrong implant or prosthesis incidents?**

Zero.