



Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_279_25

You asked:

Please could you confirm the following information under the Freedom of Information Act

1. How many appendectomy operations were performed on children over 5 years old at Prince Charles Hospital in 2020, 2021 and 2022?

We can confirm 125 appendectomy operations were performed between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2022, on children aged over 5 and under 18 at Prince Charles Hospital. A breakdown by year has been provided below:

Calendar Year	Number of Operations
2020	35
2021	44
2022	46

2. Out of these operations, please could you confirm how many of these were laparoscopic and how many were performed by open surgery?

Out of the 125 operations, 60 were laparoscopic and 65 were open surgery. A breakdown by year has been provided below:

Calendar Year	Procedure type	Number of Operations
2020	Laparoscopic	12
2020	Open	23
2021	Laparoscopic	27
2021	Open	17
2022	Laparoscopic	21
2022	Open	25

3. Of those which proceeded as open surgery, is it possible to confirm how many of these related to perforated/ruptured appendix?

We are unable to confirm how many of these related to perforated/ruptured appendix, as this level of detail is not recorded centrally. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's personal health record as part of their ongoing care.