

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/410

Neurosurgery

Information Requested:

I would like to make a formal FOI request on data for the following neurosurgery procedures and their totals performed by individual surgeons within your trust between 01.04.2023 – 01.04.2024:

A02 Excision of lesion of tissue of brain (Clean)

A02.1 Excision of lesion of tissue of frontal lobe of brain

A02.2 Excision of lesion of tissue of temporal lobe of brain

A02.3 Excision of lesion of tissue of parietal lobe of brain

A02.4 Excision of lesion of tissue of occipital lobe of brain

A02.5 Excision of lesion of tissue of cerebellum

A02.6 Excision of lesion of tissue of brain stem

A02.8 Other specified

A02.9 Unspecified

A05 Drainage of lesion of tissue of brain (Clean)

A05.1 Drainage of abscess of tissue of brain

A05.2 Evacuation of haematoma from temporal lobe of brain

A05.3 Evacuation of haematoma from cerebellum

A05.4 Evacuation of intracerebral haematoma NEC

A05.8 Other specified

A05.9 Unspecified

A07 Other open operations on tissue of brain (Clean)

A07.1 Open division of tissue of brain

A07.2 Removal of foreign body from tissue of brain

A07.3 Exploration of tissue of brain

A07.4 Excision of abscess of tissue of brain

A38 Extirpation of lesion of meninges of brain (Clean)

Note: Principal category, extended at A43

A38.1 Extirpation of lesion of meninges of cortex of brain

A38.2 Extirpation of lesion of meninges of sphenoidal ridge of cranium

A38.3 Extirpation of lesion of meninges of subfrontal region of brain

A38.4 Extirpation of lesion of meninges of parasagittal region of brain

A38.5 Extirpation of lesion of falx cerebri

A38.6 Extirpation of lesion of tentorium cerebelli

A38.8 Other specified

A38.9 Unspecified

V03 Opening of cranium (Clean)

V03.1 Exploratory open craniotomy

Includes: Open craniotomy

V03.2 Re opening of cranium and re-exploration of intracranial operation site and surgical arrest of postoperative bleeding

V03.3 Re opening of cranium and re-exploration of intracranial operation site NEC

B01 Excision of pituitary gland (Clean)

B01.1 Transethmoidal hypophysectomy

B01.2 Trans-sphenoidal hypophysectomy

B01.3 Trans-septal hypophysectomy

B01.4 Transcranial hypophysectomy

B01.8 Other specified

B01.9 Unspecified

Response Details:

Please see the below table, which represents Neurosurgery or Paediatric Neurosurgery only, covering the dates 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Code	Description	Total
A02.1	EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF FRONTAL LOBE OF BRAIN	67
A02.2	EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF TEMPORAL LOBE OF BRAIN	34
A02.3	EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF PARIETAL LOBE OF BRAIN	27
A02.4	EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF OCCIPITAL LOBE OF BRAIN	13
A02.5	EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF CEREBELLUM	30
A02.6	EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF BRAIN STEM	5
A02.7	EXCISION OF TRANSCRANIAL DERMOID CYST	3
A02.8	OTHER SPECIFIED EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF BRAIN	49
A02.9	UNSPECIFIED EXCISION OF LESION OF TISSUE OF BRAIN	3
A05.1	DRAINAGE OF ABSCESS OF TISSUE OF BRAIN	2
A05.2	EVACUATION OF HAEMATOMA FROM TEMPORAL LOBE OF BRAIN	1
A05.3	EVACUATION OF HAEMATOMA FROM CEREBELLUM	2
A05.4	EVACUATION OF INTRACEREBRAL HAEMATOMA NEC	4
A05.8	OTHER SPECIFIED DRAINAGE OF LESION OF TISSUE OF BRAIN	2
A05.9	UNSPECIFIED DRAINAGE OF LESION OF TISSUE OF BRAIN	1
A07.2	REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY FROM TISSUE OF BRAIN	2
A07.3	EXPLORATION OF TISSUE OF BRAIN	1
A38.6	EXTIRPATION OF LESION OF TENTORIUM CEREBELLI	1
A38.8	OTHER SPECIFIED EXTIRPATION OF LESION OF MENINGES OF BRAIN	7
B01.2	TRANS-SPHENOIDAL HYPOPHYSECTOMY	16
B01.8	OTHER SPECIFIED EXCISION OF PITUITARY GLAND	1
V03.1	EXPLORATORY OPEN CRANIOTOMY	49
V03.3	REOPENING OF CRANIUM AND RE-EXPLORATION OF INTRACRANIAL OPERATION SITE NEC	3

After considering your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles

and constitute unfair and unlawful processing with regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the UK 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.

Under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which provides a public authority with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you in regards to medical staffing – in total the department has 12.0 WTE Consultant Neurosurgeon, which is by sub-speciality interests in Neuro-Oncology, Skull Base & pituitary Surgery, Neuromodulation, Paediatrics, Complex Spine, Facial Pain, Epilepsy Surgery and Neurovascular.