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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

I write in response to your request for information in relation abdominal aortic aneurysm.

Question:

1. The numbers of patients who underwent surgery to repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Answer:

Number of Elective Infra-renal AAA Repairs RIE	2022	2023	2024
Open IR Repair	16	19	20
Endovascular IR Repair	21	27	23
Total	37	46	43

Question:

2. Of that yearly patient cohort the number who died within the 3, 6 and 12 month post op periods.

Answer:

Data is held for 30 days for mortality, but not for 3 months or 6 or 12 months. There were five or less death in 2024.

Question:

3. Of that yearly patient cohort how many experienced a spinal cord injury as a result of their surgery.

Answer:

No spinal cord injuries in these patients over this time frame.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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