

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AMPUTATIONS**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to amputations.

Question:

- Please can we request freedom of information for the amputation figures across Scotland. If we can have it broken down by region and also type for instance particularly interested in leg, arm, hand, foot amputations. If we can have figures for the past 3 years that would be most helpful.

Answer:

**Table 1: Number of Amputation Procedures Performed per Calendar Year**

OPCS Code	Operation Description	2023	2024	2025
X07	Amputation Of Arm	5<	5<	5<
X08	Amputation Of Hand	45	58	60
X09	Amputation Of Leg	169	147	126
X10	Amputation Of Foot	14	8	10
X11	Amputation Of Toe	78	109	76
X12	Operations On Amputation Stump	35	36	30

**Table 2: Number of Distinct Patients who Underwent an Amputation Procedure per Calendar Year**

OPCS Code	Operation Description	2023	2024	2025
X07	Amputation Of Arm	5<	5<	5<
X08	Amputation Of Hand	42	56	57
X09	Amputation Of Leg	148	142	117
X10	Amputation Of Foot	13	8	10
X11	Amputation Of Toe	70	96	62
X12	Operations On Amputation Stump	29	29	26
Amputation of fingers and thumbs are also included under the amputation of hand category; they do not have a separate OPCS4 code like toes do.				

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To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the tables above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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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