

We write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information as a provider of arterial services. We are interested in transfusion practice around UK elective open AAA repair which is not captured or reflected in other publically available resource. To accurately reflect contemporaneous practice, between the dates **01.01.2018 – 31.12.2022**, we would be grateful if you could provide information on the following points with responses as set out in the table below:

- Autologous cell salvage equipment availability for the Vascular unit
- Number of elective open infra-renal (non-complex) AAA repairs performed each year
 - In whom, the number of patients who received red cell transfusions
 - The number of units transfused and phase in which the transfusion occurred
- And finally, the number of 30day mortalities in those receiving a transfusion versus not

Please provide the information in the below format:

Unit access to autologous cell salvage Yes (since year____approx 2012____) /
 Autologous cell salvage is routinely available or used in elective open AAA repairs
 Yes (since year_approx 2018_____)

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total number of elective infra-renal (non-complex) open AAA repairs		62	60	41	52	54
Number of above repairs requiring red cell transfusion (i.e. non-autologous)		May be held in the patients paper notes- section 12 exemption as detailed in attached letter				
Number of repairs requiring 3 or more units of red cell transfusion		May be held in the patients paper notes- section 12 exemption as detailed in attached letter				
Number of patients who died within 30 days of surgery	Patients receiving non-autologous red cell transfusion	Information Services does not hold this information as not recorded on Careflow.				
	Total	2	1	3	4	4
Of those patients requiring red cell transfusion, how many units were transfused:	Pre-op	May be held in the patients paper notes- section 12 exemption as detailed in attached letter				
	Intra-op					
	Post-op					

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how we can refine our request. If you can identify any ways that this request could be refined we would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us via email and we will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, details are outlined below. Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,