

Joint infection services

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

In 2022/2023 (or for the last recorded year with data available), in your Trust/Health Board, how many of the following did you record?

Please provide your response based on the specified ICD10 codes:

The below response shows the number of patients that have been diagnosed with the ICD10 codes requested from inpatient and outpatient settings from 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023.

Please note:

This is a joint response for Northern and Eastern Services, however between 01/04/2022 – 07/07/2022 for Northern Services we cannot obtain outpatient diagnosis figures, as they are not held in an electronic format.

Section 40 (2) when not covered by Section 12

The only data that is held is part of a patient's medical record held within the Electronic Patient Record (EPR). This data it would not be appropriate to release under FOI as it is personal data and would not be lawful or transparent to patients to view their records for this purpose. As such it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOI Function as it is in breach of Principle 1 of the UK GDPR

Inpatient figures are included for this time period.

1) Paediatric patients with septic arthritis in native joints - M00.9: 10

2) Paediatric patients with prosthetic joint infection (PJI) - T84.5 + Y83.1: Zero.

3) Adult patients with septic arthritis in native joints - M00.9: 81.

4) Adult patients with prosthetic joint infection (PJI) - T84.5 + Y83.1: 20.

When investigating septic arthritis in native joints in both paediatric and adult patients:

5) Is joint aspirate collected in ED/triage, Assessment unit, inpatient ward, or theatre?. Combination of all of above, depending on various patient/logistical factors.

6) Does the above differ for prosthetic joint infections? If yes, please clarify how this differs: Yes - these get aspirated in theatres.