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### Freedom of Information request

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 28/03/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

**1. How many people with stage 3 or stage 4 began treatment for endometriosis under your trust for calendar years, 2018 – 2022 to date.**

The Trust does not code endometriosis in stages 3 or 4, the Trust's codes in primary and secondary so we have provided the data below in those forms.

Year	Primary (stage)	Secondary (stage)	Total
2018	260	192	452
2019	323	258	581
2020	193	302	495
2021	215	352	567
2022 (YTD)	59	102	161
Total	1050	1206	2256

**2. How many people with stage 3 or stage 4 endometriosis have asked to be referred to a fertility specialist in each of the following calendar years, 2018 – 2022 to date.**

The Trust does not record this level of information. To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

**3. How many people with stage 3 or stage 4 endometriosis have been referred to a fertility specialist in each of these calendar years?**

Please see answer in question 2.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will

conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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