

RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 060 – Cleavage Sparing Mastectomies

Your Query	Date of Request	May 2017
Could the health board provide the number of 'cleavage sparing' mastectomies carried out in each year since 1999?		
Response		
<p>NHS Orkney ceased carrying out mastectomies in 2016. Records on the specifics of historical mastectomy operations are not held centrally or in a fashion that would allow us to easily provide it. This type of information would be recorded in the patient's personal health record. To collate this information would be a time consuming exercise which we estimate would take several hours and be outwith the cost of compliance as this would exceed the £600 prescribed limit set in regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore NHS Orkney is not obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.</p>		