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Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 11/09/17 request for the following information, with Q2 clarified on 11/09/17:

1. *How many transvaginal tape (TVT) implants were fitted in the past 12 months - up to August 2017. Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.*

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	No of TVT implants fitted
Sep 2016	6
Oct 2016	≤5
Nov 2016	7
Dec 2016	≤5
Jan 2017	≤5
Feb 2017	≤5
Mar 2017	7
Apr 2017	≤5
May 2017	≤5
Jun 2017	≤5
Jul 2017	≤5
Aug 2017	0
Total	38

Note: the above figures include both tension-free vaginal tape (TVT) and transobturator tape (TOT and TVT-O)

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles.

In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed. Also note that if only one cell required suppression, at least one other number has been suppressed to avoid calculation of suppressed values from the totals.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

2. *How many patients reported any form of complications with their TVT implant in the past 12 months - up to August 2017. Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.*

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	No of patients with complications
Sep 2016	≤5
Oct 2016	0
Nov 2016	0
Dec 2016	0
Jan 2017	0
Feb 2017	≤5
Mar 2017	≤5

Month	No of patients with complications
Apr 2017	0
May 2017	0
Jun 2017	0
Jul 2017	0
Aug 2017	0
Total	≤5

Note: the above figures are based on a primary ICD-10 code in the range T83.4 – T83.9 or a secondary code Y83.1 being recorded.

3. *How many procedures were carried out to remove TVT implants in the past 12 months - up to August 2017. Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.*

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	No of TVT implants removed
Sep 2016	0
Oct 2016	0
Nov 2016	0
Dec 2016	0
Jan 2017	0
Feb 2017	≤5
Mar 2017	0
Apr 2017	0
May 2017	0
Jun 2017	0
Jul 2017	0
Aug 2017	0
Total	≤5

4. *How much money was spent on procedures to partially or totally remove TVT implants in the past 12 months - up to August 2017. Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.*

Answer: Please see table below:

Month	Cost of removing TVT implants
Sep 2016	0
Oct 2016	0
Nov 2016	0
Dec 2016	0
Jan 2017	0
Feb 2017	£2,551
Mar 2017	0
Apr 2017	0
May 2017	0
Jun 2017	0
Jul 2017	0
Aug 2017	0
Total	£2,551

Note: the above figure is an estimate of the cost based on the national NHS tariff for the procedures performed.