

Reference:	FOI.6389.21
Subject:	Endo-urological procedures
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Request and response:

We are making a freedom of information request about endo urological procedures delivered annually by your hospital/Trust. Please find attached a list of the procedures and associated HRG codes.

Please can you let us know how many of each of these procedures you actually delivered in 19/20 and 20/21.

Please can you also tell us how many of each of these procedures were cancelled on the planned day of delivery as a result of the patient having a UTI, in 19/20 and 20/21.

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, as well as locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the reasons for cancellation, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all patient records to identify the information requested, as this information is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, we are required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under FoIA.

Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table below as requested, the number of procedures delivered and the HRG code as recorded on the UHB’s Welsh Patient Administration System, for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

HRG Code	HRG Name	How many of these procedures did you deliver in 19/20?	How many of these procedures did you deliver in 20/21?
LB09C	Intermediate Endoscopic Ureter Procedures, 18 years and under	0	*
LB09D	Intermediate Endoscopic Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over	154	90
LB13C	Major Endoscopic Bladder Procedures with CC Score 7+	9	*
LB13D	Major Endoscopic Bladder Procedures with CC Score 5-6	8	8

LB13E	Major Endoscopic Bladder Procedures with CC Score 2-4	64	20
LB13F	Major Endoscopic Bladder Procedures with CC Score 0-1	109	26
LB14Z	Intermediate Endoscopic Bladder Procedures	242	42
LB15D	Minor Bladder Procedures, 18 years and under	*	*
LB15E	Minor Bladder Procedures, 19 years and over	654	315
LB16D	Urinary Incontinence or Other Urinary Problems, with Interventions, with CC Score 7+	13	8
LB16E	Urinary Incontinence or Other Urinary Problems, with Interventions, with CC Score 3-6	20	19
LB16F	Urinary Incontinence or Other Urinary Problems, with Interventions, with CC Score 0-2	12	11
LB16G	Urinary Incontinence or Other Urinary Problems, without Interventions, with CC Score 8+	11	*
LB16H	Urinary Incontinence or Other Urinary Problems, without Interventions, with CC Score 5-7	14	9
LB16J	Urinary Incontinence or Other Urinary Problems, without Interventions, with CC Score 2-4	30	15
LB16K	Urinary Incontinence or Other Urinary Problems, without Interventions, with CC Score 0-1	36	*
LB17Z	Introduction of Therapeutic Substance into Bladder	*	0
LB18Z	Attention to Suprapubic Bladder Catheter	21	10
LB19C	Ureteric or Bladder Disorders, with Interventions, with CC Score 4+	7	*
LB19D	Ureteric or Bladder Disorders, with Interventions, with CC Score 0-3	*	*
LB19E	Ureteric or Bladder Disorders, without Interventions, with CC Score 5+	6	7
LB19F	Ureteric or Bladder Disorders, without Interventions, with CC Score 2-4	33	*
LB19G	Ureteric or Bladder Disorders, without Interventions, with CC Score 0-1	18	*
LB20C	Infection or Mechanical Problems Related to Genito-Urinary Prostheses, Implants or Grafts, with Interventions, with CC Score 4+	14	8

LB22Z	Major Laparoscopic, Prostate or Bladder Neck Procedures (Male)	0	0
LB25D	Transurethral Prostate Resection Procedures with CC Score 6+	*	*
LB25E	Transurethral Prostate Resection Procedures with CC Score 3-5	21	*
LB25F	Transurethral Prostate Resection Procedures with CC Score 0-2	82	21
LB26A	Intermediate Endoscopic, Prostate or Bladder Neck Procedures (Male and Female), with CC Score 2+	18	0
LB26B	Intermediate Endoscopic, Prostate or Bladder Neck Procedures (Male and Female), with CC Score 0-1	18	*
LB28C	Non-Malignant Prostate Disorders with Interventions, with CC Score 4+	*	0
LB29A	Major Open Urethra Procedures, 19 years and over	*	*
LB29C	Major Open Urethra Procedures, between 2 and 18 years	0	0
LB29D	Major Open Urethra Procedures, 1 year and under	0	0
LB40C	Urinary Tract Stone Disease with Interventions, with CC Score 3+	7	*
LB40D	Urinary Tract Stone Disease with Interventions, with CC Score 0-2	21	9
LB40E	Urinary Tract Stone Disease without Interventions, with CC Score 6+	8	*
LB40F	Urinary Tract Stone Disease without Interventions, with CC Score 3-5	38	8
LB40G	Urinary Tract Stone Disease without Interventions, with CC Score 0-2	71	47
LB42A	Dynamic Studies of Urinary Tract, 19 years and over	367	85
LB42D	Dynamic Studies of Urinary Tract, 18 years and under	*	0
LB50Z	Implantation of Artificial Urinary Sphincter (Male and Female)	0	0
LB55A	Minor or Intermediate, Urethra Procedures, 19 years and over	128	52
LB59Z	Major, Open or Laparoscopic, Bladder Neck Procedures (Female)	*	0
LB60C	Complex, Open or Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, with CC Score 7+	*	*
LB60D	Complex, Open or Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, with CC Score 4-6	*	*

LB60E	Complex, Open or Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, with CC Score 2-3	*	*
LB60F	Complex, Open or Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, with CC Score 0-1	*	*
LB61C	Major, Open or Percutaneous, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 10+	*	*
LB61D	Major, Open or Percutaneous, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 7-9	*	*
LB61E	Major, Open or Percutaneous, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 4-6	*	*
LB61F	Major, Open or Percutaneous, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2-3	*	9
LB61G	Major, Open or Percutaneous, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1	12	10
LB62C	Major Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 3+	*	9
LB62D	Major Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-2	*	8
LB63C	Major, Open or Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 18 years and under, with CC Score 2+	0	0
LB63D	Major, Open or Laparoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 18 years and under, with CC Score 0-1	0	0
LB64C	Complex Endoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 5+	*	6
LB64D	Complex Endoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2-4	14	6
LB64E	Complex Endoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1	28	12
LB65C	Major Endoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 5+	10	8
LB65D	Major Endoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 3-4	10	*

LB65E	Major Endoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-2	93	20
LB66Z	Complex or Major, Endoscopic, Kidney or Ureter Procedures, 18 years and under	0	*
LB68A	Complex Endoscopic Bladder Procedures with CC Score 3+	*	*
LB68B	Complex Endoscopic Bladder Procedures with CC Score 0-2	*	*
LB69Z	Major Robotic, Prostate or Bladder Neck Procedures (Male)	0	0
LB70C	Complex Endoscopic, Prostate or Bladder Neck Procedures (Male and Female), with CC Score 2+	13	*
LB70D	Complex Endoscopic, Prostate or Bladder Neck Procedures (Male and Female), with CC Score 0-1	19	0
LB72A	Diagnostic Flexible Cystoscopy, 19 years and over	2939	1349
LB72B	Diagnostic Flexible Cystoscopy, 18 years and under	10	0
LB73Z	Diagnostic Flexible Cystoscopy using Photodynamic Fluorescence	0	0
MA31Z	Diagnostic Hysteroscopy	54	5
MA32Z	Diagnostic Hysteroscopy with Biopsy	409	40
MA33Z	Diagnostic Hysteroscopy with Biopsy and Implantation of Intrauterine Device	66	12
MA34Z	Diagnostic Hysteroscopy with Implantation of Intrauterine Device	8	*

Where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients, due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.