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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0276**

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

**////////////////////REQUEST**

I am writing to request information related to vaginal mesh surgery statistics held by Wye Valley NHS Trust under the above-mentioned Act.

If possible, I would like you to provide me with the following information:

- The number of surgeries performed using vaginal mesh to treat pelvic organ prolapse or urinary incontinence for the last available fiscal year and previous years (up to 10 years in the past)
- The total number of pelvic organ prolapse surgeries that were performed on women and men (separate statistics) between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019
- The total number of patients who were recommended pelvic floor muscle training as treatment for their pelvic organ prolapse between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019

In terms of pelvic organs, I refer to the pelvic organs such as the bladder, uterus, vagina, bowel, and rectum.

////////////////////RESPONSE

**The number of surgeries performed using vaginal mesh to treat pelvic organ prolapse or urinary incontinence**

FY Year	No. of surgeries
2008/09	Less than 6*
2009/10	Less than 6*
2010/11	6
2011/12	Less than 6*
2012/13	Less than 6*
2013/14	0
2014/15	0
2015/16	Less than 6*
2016/17	0
2017/18	Less than 6*
2018/19	Less than 6*

\*This relates to a low number. Under section 40(ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, statistically low numbers that potentially identify personal data are required to be withheld because of the Trust's obligations to protect personal data under the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

**The total number of pelvic organ prolapse surgeries that were performed on women and men (separate statistics) between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019**

	2018/19
Female	222
Male	Less than 6*
Grand Total	223

**The total number of patients who were recommended pelvic floor muscle training as treatment for their pelvic organ prolapse between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019**

Glen Burley, Chief Executive

Russell Hardy, Chairman

Unable to identify if a patient has been recommended pelvic floor muscle training as a treatment as this is not coded.

If you have queries or any concerns contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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HR1 2DX  
Email: [freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk](mailto:freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk)

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Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Glen Burley, Chief Executive

Russell Hardy, Chairman

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