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Congenital Cholesteatoma Cases (Royal Victoria Hospital, 2013–2016)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast:

1. **The number of patients diagnosed or treated for congenital cholesteatoma for each year from 2013 to 2016, inclusive.**

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total patients diagnosed with Congenital Cholesteatoma	75	79	83	77

2. **Where possible, please include:**
   - **The number of new cases diagnosed each year.**
   - **The total number of patients treated each year (including follow-up or revision surgeries).**
   - **A breakdown by age group (e.g. 0–16 years and over 16 years) if available.**
   - **Whether treatment was provided as inpatient, day-case, or outpatient.**

   We cannot identify when a patient is diagnosed with Congenital Cholesteatoma, therefore unable to provide number of new cases diagnosed in any given year
   We have no identifiable information for outpatients

Aged 0 - 16yrs old treated each year

Intended Management	2013	2014	2015	2016
Day Case	<5	6	12	7
Inpatient	18	18	16	15

Aged over 16yrs old treated each year

Intended Management	2013	2014	2015	2016
Day Case	<5	<5	6	7
Inpatient	38	49	48	45

3. **Please indicate how congenital cholesteatoma cases were identified (for example, via ICD-10 codes H71* supplemented by ENT clinical audit data or surgeon-confirmed congenital status).**

    Congenital Cholesteatoma cases were identified using ICD-10 codes H71.x and H60.4

    Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018