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## Perforated appendicitis with PRES

- 1. Use of routinely held coded data only**  
I am content for the response to rely solely on existing routinely collected electronic data (e.g. PAS, ICD-10 diagnosis codes, or other centrally held clinical coding datasets), without any requirement for manual review of individual patient records.
- 2. Diagnosis codes**  
For perforated appendicitis, I understand that ICD-10 codes such as K35.1 or related appendicitis complication codes may be used. For PRES, I understand that ICD-10 code I67.83 may be applicable. If alternative local coding or fields are used, please apply those instead.
- 3. Time period refinement (if required)**  
If the original ten-year period remains too onerous, I would be willing to reduce the timeframe (for example to the last five years) in order to bring the request within the cost limit.
- 4. Aggregate counts only**  
I am seeking aggregate, non-identifiable counts only. If small numbers require suppression for disclosure control, I am content for this to be applied, with an explanation.

### Response

It would be important to note that PRES is exceptionally rare in relation to perforated appendicitis (or indeed any abdominal surgical condition the Paediatric Surgery service routinely deal with).

It has not been possible to extract any specific data on PRES from Trust systems as PRES cannot be identified through clinical coding given there is no definitive ICD-10 code to use.

Please see below the activity stats for Perforated Appendix within the past 5 years (not coded as PRES but coded as K35.2 and/or K35.3) below:

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<b>Year/Diagnosis</b>	<b>Perforated Appendicitis (K35.2 &amp;/or K35.3)</b>
2020	56
2021	58
2022	49
2023	39
2024	43
2025*	25

Notes:-

This information is sourced from encompass and relates to patients in Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children

\*The figures for 2025 are only up to July of this year due to a lag in clinical coding. The Belfast Trust Information department rely on Clinical Coding to extract information.

Unfortunately it has become clear that we cannot find any other information with regard to PRES, due to the rarity of its occurrence and lack of definitive coding.