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Tracheostomy data

A copy of inpatient tracheostomy policy for RVH, BCH, MIH and MPH sites?

Policy attached, in separate document.

How many surgical traches performed per year in ENT theatres RVH site from 2020-2025?

ENT THEATRES RVH	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Traches performed	0	5	13	21	9	7

How many surgical traches performed per year in Ablock theatres RVH site from 2020-2025?

ABLOCK THEATRES RVH	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Traches performed	57	51	38	31	38	23

**How many percutaneous traches performed per year in RICU 2020-2025?
How many patients with trache are discharged per year from RICU 2020-2025?**

RICU	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
percutaneous traches performed	22	40	26	19	20	22
discharged with Trache	Not avail	Not avail	Not Avail	Not Avail	Not Avail	Not Avail

**How many percutaneous traches performed per year in CSICU 2020-2025?
How many patients with trache are discharged per year from CSICU 2020-2025?**

CSICU	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
percutaneous traches performed	Not avail	< 5	< 5	< 5	6	< 5
discharged with Trache	Not avail	Not avail	< 5	Not avail	5	< 5

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**How many percutaneous traches performed per year in BCH ICU 2020-2025?
 How many patients with trache are discharged per year from BCH ICU 2020-2025?**

BCH	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
percutaneous traches performed	Not avail	Not avail	9	16	13	23
discharged with Trache	Not avail	Not avail	< 5	7	< 5	< 5

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 - Personal Information relating to a third party, 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.

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The response above has been collated via manual and electronic records, where we have indicated that information is not available, this is because to provide it would require a manual trawl of individual patient records which would take more than 18 hours to complete.

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