

## **Neurology referrals following perforated appendicitis in children**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following aggregate, non-identifying information for the period 01st June 2020 to 01st June 2025 inclusive, for patients aged 0–16 years treated at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC):**

**How many patients were referred to Neurology department following perforated appendicitis?**

To provide this information, a manual review of individual patient records would be required across the full time period specified. Due to the volume of records involved, this activity would take 18 hours or more to complete and would therefore exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Accordingly, Belfast Trust is applying Section 12 – Exceeds the Appropriate Cost Limit. As the work required to locate, retrieve and extract the information would exceed the statutory limit.