

3 December 2024

Hepatobiliary Ward at Belfast City Hospital

**Further to previous Freedom of Information request response on 5 August 2024
Reference: FOI/31667**

- 1. How many of the admissions between 2019 and 2023 were surgeries on the liver?**

Between 2019 and 2023, there were 403 admissions for surgery to the liver.

- 2. How many surgeons work in the hepatobiliary ward?**

There are currently five surgeons working within the Hepatobiliary Unit.

- 3. What percentage of these 10 deaths between 2019 and 2023 were post organ transplant?**

None of these deaths was post organ transplant.

- 4. Between 2019 and 2023 what percentage of those who died were over 70?**

Belfast Trust is unable to provide this information, as the numbers are so low (<5) that to provide them would risk identifying individual patients.

Use of less than 5 (<5) - 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.

- 5. What percentage of these deaths occurred directly on the ward?**

Again, we are not in a position to provide this information, as the numbers are so low (<5) that to provide them would risk identifying individual patients. The information is exempt from release under Section 40(2).