

Dear Requester

1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE**  
**FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 300-705 – SL CCG**

I refer to your email received on 17 September 2019. I can confirm on behalf of NHS South Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) supported by Optum Commissioning Support Services, and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

**ORIGINAL REQUEST**

I am writing on behalf of a team that is currently conducting some research assessing the CCGs commissioning data for surgery. Under the freedom of information act, can I please request the haemorrhoidectomy commissioning data from your respective CCGs, regarding which criteria must be met to indicate haemorrhoidectomy?

**RESPONSE**

In response to your question detailed above, please be advised the following criteria must be met to indicate haemorrhoidectomy (i.e. the CCG would look for this data from a Provider to indicate a procedure of haemorrhoidectomy):

OPCS_L4_Code	OPCS_L4_Desc
H511	H511: Haemorrhoidectomy
H512	H512: Partial internal sphincterotomy for haemorrhoid
H513	H513: Stapled haemorrhoidectomy
H518	H518: Other specified excision of haemorrhoid
H519	H519: Unspecified excision of haemorrhoid
H521	H521: Cryotherapy to haemorrhoid
H522	H522: Infrared photocoagulation of haemorrhoid
H523	H523: Injection of sclerosing substance into haemorrhoid
H524	H524: Rubber band ligation of haemorrhoid
H528	H528: Other specified destruction of haemorrhoid

OPCS_L4_Code	OPCS_L4_Desc
H529	H529: Unspecified destruction of haemorrhoid
H531	H531: Evacuation of perianal haematoma
H532	H532: Forced manual dilation of anus for haemorrhoid
H533	H533: Manual reduction of prolapsed haemorrhoid
H538	H538: Other specified other operations on haemorrhoid
H539	H539: Unspecified other operations on haemorrhoid

If you require the number of procedures done within a time period, please let us know and we will provide the information requested.

I trust that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Optum Health Systems Support  
 FOI TEAM  
 South Kesteven District Council Offices  
 St. Peter's Hill  
 Grantham  
 NG31 6PZ

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the CCGs.

The Information Commissioner's contact details can be found here:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

**FOI Team**  
**On behalf of NHS South Lincolnshire CCG**