

Dear Requester

25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE**  
**FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 300-803a – SL CCG**

We refer to your email received on 6 November 2019. We 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 conducting a nationwide investigation in to the adherence to Best Practice Tariffs (BPT) by hospitals performing prosthetic replacement of the hip or knee operations; namely procedures:

<i>OPCS Code:</i>	<i>Procedure</i>
<i>W371</i>	<i>W371 Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement</i>
<i>W381</i>	<i>W381 Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint not using cement</i>
<i>W391</i>	<i>W391 Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint NEC</i>
<i>W931</i>	<i>W931 Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cemented acetabular component</i>
<i>W941</i>	<i>W941 Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cemented femoral component</i>
<i>W951</i>	<i>W951 Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement NEC</i>
<i>W401</i>	<i>W401 Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement</i>
<i>W411</i>	<i>W411 Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint not using cement</i>
<i>W421</i>	<i>W421 Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC</i>

I would therefore request the following information in a CSV or Excel file format for all ELECTIVE spells discharged from Jul 2018 to Jun 2019 (inclusive totalling 12 months)

<b><u>Column Heading</u></b>	<b><u>EXAMPLE DATA (made up numbers)</u></b>
<i>Provider Org code</i>	= RRK
<i>Provider Org name</i>	= UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS BIRMINGHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
<i>Procedure Code</i>	= W371
<i>ADMISSION METHOD</i>	= ELECTIVE ONLY
<i>TOTAL Number of Spells discharged Jul18-Jun19</i>	= 1,234
<i>SUM TOTAL Number of Bed Days for spells discharged Jul18-Jun19</i>	= 124,560
<i>Number of spells submitted for BPT</i>	= 1,100
<i>SUM TOTAL Number of Bed Days for spells submitted for BPT</i>	= 120,459
<i>Number of spells paid on a BPT basis</i>	= 537
<i>SUM TOTAL Number of Bed Days for spells paid on a BPT basis</i>	= 51,456

If spells were to have multiple procedure codes, example W381 and W411, then these are to be presented via concatenation of the procedures of interest identified in the spell. For the example above this would be W381, W411.

## RESPONSE

Please refer to Appendix 1 which details BPT data for the time period Jul 2018 to Jun 2019 (inclusive totalling 12 months):

Provider Org code	Provider Org Name	Procedure Code	Admission Method	Sum of TOTAL Number of Spells discharged	Sum of TOTAL Number of Bed Days for spells discharged	Sum of TOTAL Number of spells submitted for BPT	Sum of TOTAL Number of Bed Days for spells submitted for BPT	Sum of Total BPT Paid spells	Sum of Total BPT paid bed days
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**Please Note:** Data is taken from SUS for the period July 2018 to June 2019 for the following procedure codes, primary and secondary codes included:-

W371 Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement

W381 Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint not using cement

W391 Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint NEC

W931 Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cemented acetabular component

W941 Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cemented femoral component

W951 Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement NEC

W401 Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint using cement

W411 Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint not using cement

W421 Primary total prosthetic replacement of knee joint NEC

Prices have been matched in SLAM (local data flows) to establish the tariff submitted by the Provider. All BPT tariff submissions by Providers were paid. Providers are asked to evidence BPT on an adhoc basis.

To provide the figures in Appendix 1 we have linked the SUS hip and knee procedures by patient to the SLAM tariff to work out if a BPT tariff was submitted by the Provider as the SUS grouper does not flag BPT when clinical criteria apply.

As these are SLAM tariffs we have said that the tariff was paid. As far as I am aware we have paid all SLAM submitted BPT's. This would only be challenged on an adhoc basis to check criteria, and none were requested to be refunded in this period.

We have therefore added a column showing all of the requested BPT's as paid BPT's. If anyone else is aware of any process where a BPT would not be paid it will need to be considered. It is unlikely that Providers would submit BPT when criteria was not met as this will be an automated process. We would perhaps refer the requester to the Provider should they need more detail.

We 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**

**Appendix 1 – BPT Figures Time Period July 2018 to June 2019**

<b>Provider Org code</b>	<b>Provider Org Name</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Admission Method</b>	<b>Sum of TOTAL Number of Spells discharged</b>	<b>Sum of TOTAL Number of Bed Days for spells discharged</b>	<b>Sum of TOTAL Number of spells submitted for BPT</b>	<b>Sum of TOTAL Number of Bed Days for spells submitted for BPT</b>	<b>Sum of Total BPT Paid spells</b>	<b>Sum of Total BPT paid bed days</b>
NT302	NT302: Spire Bristol Hospital	W381	Elective Admission	1	4	0	0	0	0
NT312	NT312: Spire Alexandra Hospital	W401	Elective Admission	1	2	0	0	0	0
NT432	NT432: Bmi - The Sandringham Hospital	W371	Elective Admission	4	9	0	0	0	0
NT432	NT432: Bmi - The Sandringham Hospital	W381	Elective Admission	2	5	0	0	0	0
NT432	NT432: Bmi - The Sandringham Hospital	W401	Elective Admission	5	10	0	0	0	0
NT432	NT432: Bmi - The Sandringham Hospital	W941	Elective Admission	1	3	0	0	0	0
NT440	NT440: Bmi - Thornbury Hospital	W401	Elective Admission	1	2	0	0	0	0

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<b>NTP13</b>	<b>NTP13: Barlborough NHS Treatment Centre</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NVC06</b>	<b>NVC06: Fitzwilliam Hospital</b>	<b>W371</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>NVC06</b>	<b>NVC06: Fitzwilliam Hospital</b>	<b>W381</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>NVC06</b>	<b>NVC06: Fitzwilliam Hospital</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>NVC06</b>	<b>NVC06: Fitzwilliam Hospital</b>	<b>W941</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>RAN</b>	<b>RAN: Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust</b>	<b>W381</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>RCX</b>	<b>RCX: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W371</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>RCX</b>	<b>RCX: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W381</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>RCX</b>	<b>RCX: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>

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<b>RCX</b>	<b>RCX: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W411</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>RCX</b>	<b>RCX: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W931</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>RCX</b>	<b>RCX: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W941</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

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<b>RCX</b>	<b>RCX: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W951</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>RGN</b>	<b>RGN: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W371</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>RGN</b>	<b>RGN: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W381</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>RGN</b>	<b>RGN: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>RGN</b>	<b>RGN: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W411</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>



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<b>RGN</b>	<b>RGN: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W931</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RGN</b>	<b>RGN: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W941</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>RGN</b>	<b>RGN: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W951</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>RGT</b>	<b>RGT: Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>RGT</b>	<b>RGT: Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W411</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>RGT</b>	<b>RGT: Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W941</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>RL1</b>	<b>RL1: The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RWD</b>	<b>RWD: United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<b>W371</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>RWD</b>	<b>RWD: United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<b>W381</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>RWD</b>	<b>RWD: United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>51</b>

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<b>RWD</b>	<b>RWD: United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<b>W411</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>RWD</b>	<b>RWD: United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<b>W421</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>RWD</b>	<b>RWD: United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<b>W941</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>RX1</b>	<b>RX1: Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<b>W401</b>	<b>Elective Admission</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>