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- 1. I would like to know the age of the youngest person to have received bariatric surgery of some form in the last 12 months?*
- 2. I would also like to know what form of bariatric operation was carried out?*
- 3. I would also like to know the age of the youngest person to have received bariatric surgery in a) 2010 and b) 2009*

We assume that you are referring to surgery specifically related to treatment of bariatric patients, for example gastric banding, rather than surgery incidentally performed on patients that would by virtue of their body mass index (BMI) be considered bariatric. Assuming this to be the case we do not undertake gastric banding surgery or any "bespoke" bariatric surgery at this Trust.

We do not hold centrally information about patients BMI and therefore the cost of retrieving information related to all surgery which has taken place on patients that would be considered bariatric by BMI would take longer than 18hrs to locate, retrieve, and extract this information.

Having regard the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection Act (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007, and to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, where the associated cost of locating, retrieving, and extracting the requested information is estimated to exceed the upper fee limit of £450 set for NHS Trusts (which represents the cost of one person spending 18 hours at a rate of £25 per hour) then we are sorry but we are unable to respond to this question.