

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- 1) The number of surgeries performed using vaginal mesh to treat pelvic organ prolapse or urinary incontinence for the last available fiscal year and previous years (up to 10 years in the past)

Fiscal Year	Total
2018/19	7
2017/18	40
2016/17	67
2015/16	86
2014/15	94
2013/14	132
2012/13	108
2011/12	113
2010/11	123
2009/10	143

Please note the table above includes figures for TVT and transobturator tape, as the tape is made out of mesh. NICE advises that these procedures should be used a “last resort”: <https://www.nhs.uk/news/medical-practice/vaginal-mesh-surgery-should-be-last-resort-says-nice/>

- 2) The total number of pelvic organ prolapse surgeries that were performed on women and men (separate statistics) between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019

There were a total of 182 women. We are not prepared to disclose the number of men, as the figures are so small (fewer than 5) that the data could jeopardise the identity of the patient.

- 3) The total number of patients who were recommended pelvic floor muscle training as treatment for their pelvic organ prolapse between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019

All patients with a pelvic organ prolapse would be recommended. We are unable to provide the actual number as the information is not coded and so we would need to examine each referral letter individually which would exceed the s.12 time scale of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In terms of pelvic organs, I refer to the pelvic organs such as the bladder, uterus, vagina, bowel, and rectum.