

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 01 October 2025

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I would like to know the following information:

- How many children (under 18s) have been given the contraceptive implant for each of the last five calendar years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 so far)?
- Please provide a breakdown by age of all children given the contraceptive implant for each of the last five calendar years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 so far).
- Please consider all ages from the youngest person given the implant up to and including those given the implant aged 17.

Requested Information/Response

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Number of Outpatient and Inpatient Procedures for 'Insertion of Hormone into subcutaneous tissue' (S52.5)

The table is a distinct count of patients with OPCS procedure code S52.5 coded in any position during their inpatient's spell
OR where OPCS code S52.5 was coded anywhere in their outpatient's activity (following an outpatient appointment).

If a patient had more than one admission or appointment during the same year, they will only be counted once in the below data.

Where the outpatient appointment OR inpatient spell end date was between 01/01/2021 and 30/09/2025 inclusive.

(A spell is the total inpatient stay in hospital, linking the 1st consultant episode ('admitting' episode) with the final consultant episode ('discharging' episode)).

Where patient 'age at appointment' OR 'age on admission' was under 18 years.

Please note, the below data only includes attended appointments (where attended indicator was 1) and does not include any appointments which were not attended or cancelled.

Year	Age				Total Patient Count
	14	15	16	17	
2021	1	5	4	2	12
2022	2	2	6	3	13
2023	1	1	1	3	6
2024	1		1	3	5
2025	1	1	1	1	4
Total Patient Count	6	9	13	12	40

* 2025 is a partial year. Data is from 01/01/25 to 30/09/25 inclusive.

Attachment(s) No Attachments

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Date Response sent: 23rd October 2025