

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-380

Request:

- Autologous cell salvage equipment availability for the Vascular unit
- Number of elective open infra-renal (non-complex) AAA repairs performed each year
 - In whom, the number of patients who received red cell transfusions
 - The number of units transfused and phase in which the transfusion occurred
- And finally, the number of 30day mortalities in those receiving a transfusion versus not

1. Unit access to autologous cell salvage: Yes (since year _____) / No

2. Autologous cell salvage is routinely available or used in elective open AAA repairs:
Yes (since year _____) / No

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total number of elective infra-renal (non-complex) open AAA repairs						
Number of above repairs requiring red cell transfusion (i.e. non-autologous)						
Number of repairs requiring 3 or more units of red cell transfusion						
Number of patients who died within 30 days of surgery	Patients receiving non-autologous red cell transfusion					
	Total					
Of those patients requiring red cell transfusion, how many units were transfused:	Pre-op	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units
	Intra-op	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units
	Post-op	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds part of the information you have requested.

1. Yes. Cell salvage started in 2005

2. Cell salvage is available and used in all elective AAA since 2005



		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total number of elective infra-renal (non-complex) open AAA repairs		23	42	14	15	24
Number of above repairs requiring red cell transfusion (i.e. non-autologous)		Information not recorded*				
Number of repairs requiring 3 or more units of red cell transfusion		Information not recorded*				
Number of patients who died within 30 days of surgery	Patients receiving non-autologous red cell transfusion	Information not recorded*				
	Total	0	1	0	0	0
Of those patients requiring red cell transfusion, how many units were transfused:	Pre-op	Information not recorded*	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units
	Intra-op	Information not recorded*	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units
	Post-op	Information not recorded*	__ units	__ units	__ units	__ units

*Red Cell Transfusions are only recorded when it is the primary reason for admission

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 12 JULY 2023)

