



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2017-00075 - Ankylossia (Tongue Tie)

1. How many babies (i.e) below the age of 1) were diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in each financial year since 2012/13.

NHS North Norfolk CCG, NHS Norwich CCG, NHS South Norfolk CCG and NHS West Norfolk CCG only came into existence from 1 April 2013 therefore information prior to this date is not held.

In respect to the information requested from 1 April 2013, please see below:

Values are for Spells where the Primary Diagnosis was Ankyloglossia (ICD-10 code Q381)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
NHS North Norfolk CCG	0	<5	<5	<5
NHS Norwich CCG	0	6	<5	<5
NHS South Norfolk CCG	0	<5	<5	6
NHS West Norfolk CCG	0	0	<5	<5

Please note, where figures are 5 or less a range has been provided to reduce the risk of patient identification. The CCG are withholding the exact number of applications by virtue of section 40(2) of the Act.

Section 40(2) of the Act provides an exemption to the disclosure of information where it is:

- *the personal data of someone other than you; and*
- *the disclosure of that personal data would put us in breach of the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 ("DPA"), with which we are obliged to comply.*

The personal data within the withheld information is not public and disclosure of this information to the world at large would be unwarranted, does not add to the substantive understanding of the information disclosed, would cause substantial damage and distress to those data subjects involved, and thus would be unfair and in breach of the first DPA principle and, as such, is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act.

2. Of the babies diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in 2016,

a) how many had a surgical procedure carried out by NHS surgeons to resolve these specific issues, and

Values are for Spells where the Primary Diagnosis was Ankyloglossia (ICD-10 code Q381) AND the Primary Procedure was Incision of Frenulum of Tongue

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
NHS North Norfolk CCG	0	<5	0	<5
NHS Norwich CCG	0	<5	<5	<5
NHS South Norfolk CCG	0	<5	<5	<5
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b) how long did they wait (on average, in calendar days) for the procedure following diagnosis?

Calculating the wait as the difference from date of decision to admit and the actual admission date the average is 25.8 days. Please note, note only 40% of these procedures have included the decision to admit date; the remainder of the information is not held by the CCG.

3. In 2016, what was the mean age of babies with such issues when the ankylossia (tongue-tie) procedure was performed?

The information requested is not held by the CCG.

The CCG do not know the age of babies when procedures are performed as we do not have their date of birth.