



# Resolution

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Thank you for your email of 21 February 2021 in which you requested further information from the Practitioner Performance Advice (Advice) service following your previous FOIA request dated 12 January 2021.

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge that there is a slight correction to be made to the information shared with you in January following a data quality review of our cases. Previously, we identified that there were 821 requests for advice about practitioners who were surgeons between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2020 (financial years). A recent internal review of Advice cases and the criteria used to provide you with the information flagged that this number is actually 820. Please do accept our apologies for this. We have provided revised figures to readdress your initial FOIA request in Appendix A. It may be helpful to note that information we hold in relation to live cases can be subject to change owing to case updates from the parties with whom we are engaging and other steps we may take periodically to ensure our records are complete and accurate.

For the FOIA request dated 21 January you have asked for additional information for the years 2015-2020 about the number of surgeons who were a subject of Advice cases. Please note that some information we hold may be listed as 'not known' for one of two key reasons: this information has chosen not to be disclosed to Advice by the employing organisation or practitioner or that we are awaiting confirmation of the information from the organisation/individual practitioner prior to recording this on our case management system to ensure it is accurate.

For this latest FOIA request (received on 22 February 2021) you would like to know:

*1. An ethnicity breakdown for these surgeons*

The ethnicity breakdown of the 820 surgeons who were subject to a case with Advice from 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2020 (financial years) is as follows:

<b>Ethnicity group</b>	<b>Number of Surgeons</b>
White	274
Asian or Asian British	266
Chinese or other ethnic group	63
Black or Black British	34
Mixed	13

Not known	170
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*2. Breakdown by grade - Consultant, Trainee or other non-training grade.*

Grade group	Number of Surgeons
Consultant or equivalent	586
Other career grade H&C	154
Training grade	75
Not Known	5

**This concludes our response to your request.**

We hope this above information is helpful.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to [Tinku Mitra](#), Head of Corporate and Information Governance for NHS Resolution, within 28 days of your receipt of this reply. Reviews of decisions made in relation to information requests are carried out by a person who was not involved in the original decision-making about the request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of the decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. The address of the Information Commissioner's Office is:

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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## **Appendix A**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of Practitioners</b>	<b>Number of Surgeons</b>
Male	3150	721
Female	1020	97
Unknown	178	2

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Practitioners</b>	<b>Number of Surgeons</b>
20-29	129	24
30-39	466	73
40-49	1068	224
50-59	994	203
60+	484	85
Unknown	1207	211

<b>Place of Primary Qualification*</b>	<b>Number of Practitioners</b>	<b>Number of Surgeons</b>
UK	2024	375
EEA	435	99
Elsewhere	1637	333
Unknown	252	13