



States of  
Guernsey

## Access to Public Information Request

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### Access to Public Information request regarding Hernia Mesh

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**Request:**

- 1) Please can you confirm whether hernia mesh surgery is approved in Guernsey?
  
- 2) Please could you provide the figures for repairs of groin hernias using synthetic material that have been performed in Guernsey in the last 5 years (broken down annually if you can)? If there haven't been any performed on island please can you tell me how many people have been referred for surgery off-island?
  
- 3) Please can you let me know how many complications have arisen from those surgeries in the last 5 years (broken down annually)?

**Response provided by The Committee for Health & Social Care:**

Hernia mesh surgery is approved in Guernsey. The statistics requested are as follows:

Number of coded procedures	Year					Grand Total
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
PRIMARY REPAIR OF FEMORAL HERNIA USING INSERT OF PROSTHETIC MATERIAL	2		3	3	3	11
PRIMARY REPAIR OF INGUINAL HERNIA USING INSERT OF PROSTHETIC MATERIAL	104	119	89	95	89	496
REPAIR OF RECURRENT INGUINAL HERNIA USING INSERT OF PROSTHETIC MATERIAL	11	5	7	11	9	43
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>550</b>

We are not able to provide data on those patients that had a complication of procedure as the numbers are fewer than 5 in total over the 5 years and risks identifying an individual.