



08 May 2026

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via email

Dear [redacted]

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 - request to Health Innovation Wessex, 06 May 2026

You submitted a request to Health Innovation Wessex (HIW) on 06 May 2026 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as follows:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Health Innovation Wessex's (HI-Wessex) role in evaluating and scaling surgical innovations, specifically within adult urology.

In light of HI-Wessex's recent focus on 'Scaling Health Innovation through Funding and Transformation' (SHIFT) and its stated mission to tackle the NHS's most pressing productivity challenges, please provide the following for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 YTD:

1. Has Health Innovation Wessex formally evaluated or included stapler-assisted circumcision devices (e.g., ZSR/CircCurer) in its 'Innovation Pipeline,' 'SHIFT Programme,' or any regional evaluation frameworks in the last 24 months?

Health Innovation Wessex has not formally evaluated or included stapler-assisted circumcision devices (eg ZSR/CircCurer) in its innovation pipeline, SHIFT Programme or any regional evaluation frameworks in the last 24 months.

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2. What specific surgical productivity innovations has HI-Wessex promoted to its founding member Trusts (including UHS, PHU, and HHFT) to meet the March 2026 'Further Faster' elective recovery targets?

Health Innovation Wessex has not promoted any specific surgical productivity innovations to its founding member trusts (including UHS, PHU and HHFT) to meet the March 2026 'Further Faster' elective recovery targets during 2025/26 and 2026/27 year to date.

3. Does HI-Wessex hold any 'Real World Evidence' (RWE) or independent evaluation reports comparing the cost-efficiency of 10-minute outpatient surgical stapler procedures versus traditional 60-minute theatre-based suture methods for adult urology?

Health Innovation Wessex does not hold any real world evidence (RWE) or independent evaluation reports comparing the cost-efficiency of 10-minute outpatient surgical stapler procedures versus traditional 60-minute theatre-based suture methods for adult urology during the 2025/26 and 2026/27 year to date.

4. How many 'Adoption and Spread' initiatives specifically aimed at moving minor surgical procedures into 'Community Diagnostic Centres' or outpatient settings have been supported by HI-Wessex in the 2025/26 financial year?

No adoption and spread initiatives specifically aimed at moving minor surgical procedures into Community Diagnostic Centres or outpatient settings have been supported by Health Innovation Wessex in the 2025/26 financial year.

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Health Innovation Wessex is not currently active in this surgical specialty as it has not been identified by our ICBs as a priority for our support.

All FOI responses are published (with enquirer contacts redacted) on the Health Innovation Wessex website at <https://healthinnovationwessex.org.uk/about-us/corporate/foi>.

Yours sincerely



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