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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 05/06/2012. You referred to an audit which BCH conducted in 2009 showing a total of 105 male children, who had been seen in the ED with circumcision related issues in 2009. We advised you that the audit had been produced "because of the volume of attendances at ED, the department wanted to investigate to ensure that appropriate aftercare was being provided to patients."

You requested more information on what has been done to address BCH's concerns.

There is no correspondence with local doctors/NHS bodies in relation to the audit. The results of the audit were shared with our commissioners at Birmingham & Solihull Cluster. To date we have had no communication from them.

The second part of your request asks BCH to consider reviewing PICU data to establish the number of boys 0-1 who have been treated for life threatening haemorrhage, shock or sepsia which relates to a circumcision, since 1992 or at least 2002." The information is in the table below. We are unable to provide data prior to 2002.

**Number of boys age 0-1 who have been treated for life threatening haemorrhage, shock or sepsis which relates to a circumcision**

<i>Year</i>	<i>No of patients</i>
2002	2
2003	0
2004	0
2005	0
2006	0
2007	1
2008	2
2009	2
2010	6
2011	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

I hope that the information provided is adequate, however please let me know if you require more details or further clarification.

If you are unhappy with the Trust's response you can appeal to the Trust by writing to:

Rob Checketts  
Director of Communications  
Ladywood House  
Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
Steelhouse Lane  
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If you then remain dissatisfied, you have the right under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to apply to the Information Commissioner to seek resolution to the matter. Further details can be found on their website: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/)

Yours sincerely

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