

Surgical Innovations, the designer and manufacturer of creative solutions for Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS), is particularly interested in hospital data recently released by the NHS.

The report published on the NHS Choices website, showed performance data for individual surgeons in England, with the aim of giving patients more choice, as well as increasing the quality of healthcare.

It highlighted that there was 138 NHS surgeons doing bariatric surgery in the 11 months from April 2012 to February 2013 and 5,656 operations were recorded. It also showed that 106 consultant surgeons contributed to the National Bariatric Surgery Registry (NBSR) and the total number of primary operations recorded was 4,389.

The average body mass index (BMI) for patients was 50.6 kg/m² and the average weight was 141 kg, indicating that the patients were twice the ideal weight for their height; 72.8% were female. The average number of obesity-related diseases for each patient, for example type 2 diabetes, hypertension and sleep apnoea, was 3.6 and the average length of hospital stay for all operations was 2.5 days.