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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

HYSTEROSCOPY INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT PATHWAYS

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) please may I have answers to the following:

1. Does your Trust currently have both an inpatient (day-case) pathway and an outpatient pathway for hysteroscopy?

Yes, we offer both outpatient and inpatient hysteroscopy to our patients.

2. Currently, roughly what percentage of your Trust's hysteroscopies are done with an anaesthetist

a) diagnostic?

b) operative (e.g. polypectomy, myomectomy, endometrial ablation)?

We would need dates to produce a list to pull this information from

3. What is the current approximate waiting time in weeks for a patient who asks for a general anaesthetic, spinal anaesthetic or IV sedation with analgesia for hysteroscopy

a) under the 2 week wait as an urgent referral for suspected womb cancer? Patients listed under the 2 week wait as an urgent referral are listed as soon as possible on an inpatient waiting list.

b) Not under the 2 week wait? Patients listed that aren't 2 week wait are listed as Category 3 or Category 4 patients.

4. Has your Trust adopted, or is your Trust adopting the NHS Getting It Right First Time (Maternity & Gynaecology Report) targets of

a) 90% diagnostic hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?

Yes, our Trust is adopting the NHS Getting It Right First Time targets.

b) 50% operative hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?

Yes, our Trust is adopting the NHS Getting It Right First Time targets.

5. May I have a copy of the full range of pain scores obtained by your Trust in the BSGE 2019 outpatient hysteroscopy benchmarking survey?

Pain scores aren't used during outpatient hysteroscopy.

6. Is entonox or pentrox routinely available to all your outpatient hysteroscopy patients?

Entenox is available to appropriate patients in the outpatient setting but we do not use pentrox.

7. Are local anaesthetic paracervical blocks routinely available in outpatients?

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Yes

8. Please may I see any audits of hysteroscopic procedures during the last 5 years?

There has only been one audit. (attached)

9. Are pain scores taken at all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?

Pain scores aren't taken but nursing staff communicate with the patient throughout the procedure. Patients are told before the procedure that if they are experiencing too much discomfort the procedure can be abandoned.

10. Does your Trust have a Procedural Sedation Analgesia clinic for 'minor gynae' including hysteroscopy?

No