

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 17 February 2022.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

I am aware that virgo intacta is a contraindication for carrying out TVUS, why is this?

As for any investigation, patient consent is paramount. A referral for TVUS would ordinarily follow a consultation and discussion between patient and clinician. There are a variety of contraindications to TVUS. For example, this investigation may not be acceptable in patients of certain ages, backgrounds, cultures, faiths or beliefs. A patient's sexual history is relevant in relation to both the physical and psychological acceptability of TVUS.

How is virgo intacta assessed?

This is assessed verbally – asking the patient if they have had sexual intercourse previously, with the baseline assumption of virgo intacta in women who are not known to have had children.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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