

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 5th September 2023. I am pleased to confirm the following.

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

Yes, SOPs in place.

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

About 90% are done with a local anesthetic in the out-patient setting,

a) diagnostic? -

As above

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

As above

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-

Depends on the clinical indication, if the referral was for suspected cancer, it would be done within 2 weeks.

a) under the 2 weeks wait as an urgent referral for suspected womb cancer. -

As above

b) not under the 2 weeks wait. -

These are graded as urgent or routine by the listing clinician, again depending on the clinical indication.

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

Yes, to both.

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? -

We do not have a copy of this, however we have conducted our own survey from 2019 and this can be shared if requested.

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

Not currently due to concerns with entonox use that have come up recently, but we are looking into this.

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

Yes

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

Unfortunately, we do not hold this information in our data warehouse.

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

We are commencing an out-patient hysteroscopy patient questionnaire from December 2023 which will routinely collect pain scores from all out-patient hysteroscopy procedures, last such exercise was done in 2019,

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

Not currently.

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Yours sincerely,

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