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Our ref: FOI RFI 005341

Dear Katharine

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Freedom of Information Request

Further to your request for information, our response is as follows (highlighted in blue):

Under the FOIA (2000) please would you supply the following information relating to your Trust's (and its outsourced services') practice of OUTPATIENT HYSTEROSCOPY/BIOPSY – PAIN CONTROL AND PATIENT CHOICE

1. *The patient information leaflet/s*
[Please see attached patient information leaflet](#)
2. *The consent form/s*
[Each patient is consented with the Trusts generic pink consent form.](#)
3. *For each of the last 3 financial years:*
 - i. *all audits of OP hysteroscopy adverse events, (including infection, perforation, pain equal to or above 7/10 on VAS)*
[This information is not readily available for the full 3 years. We can provide the data for 2015.](#)

[51 patients](#)
[2 suffered a vasovagal event](#)
[3 procedures failed/abandoned](#)
 - ii. *all surveys of patients' outpatient hysteroscopy experiences. Are all your patients allowed to complete the satisfaction survey at home?*
[Yes if they wish, with an envelope and SaE provided.](#)
 - iii. *the number of your patients who had a) GA, b) spinal anaesthesia, c) monitored procedural sedation, d) local anaesthetic, e) no anaesthetic*
[This information is not readily available and would require a manual review of individual patient medical records which would take in excess of 18 hours. This would breach the legislative requirement as detailed in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 "Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit". The Trust therefore exempts the supply of this information as being over the appropriate limit as defined in Section 12.](#)
[All inpatient procedures have either a General Anaesthetic or Spinal Anaesthetic.](#)

- iv. the % of your a) diagnostic hysteroscopies, b) operative hysteroscopies that were done in outpatients.
Did your Trust meet the Best Practice Target % Tariff for each of these years?
This information is not readily available but we can provide the following information:

2014

239 OP endometrial polypectomies

2015

576 OP hysteroscopies

289 OP endometrial polypectomies

45% of the 120 endometrial ablations done as IP

2016

8.2% of the 754 diagnostic hysteroscopies done as IP

2016-17

692 OP hysteroscopies

220 OP endometrial polypectomies

40% of the 83 endometrial ablation procedures done as an inpatient procedures (IP)

16% of the 262 endometrial polypectomies as an IP

4. i. Is local anaesthetic available in all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics? **Yes**
- ii. Is Entonox available in all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics? **Yes**
5. Are all your hysteroscopy patients (including See & Treat/One Stop Shop/Late Cancellations) offered
- i. local anaesthetic? **Yes**
- ii. GA? **Yes**
- iii. spinal anaesthesia? **Yes**
- iv. safely monitored IV sedation? **Yes**
6. Do you use electro-surgery in any of your outpatients clinics? **No**
If so, do you always use the lowest power setting? **N/A**
7. What type and diameter of scopes do you use in a) outpatients, b) for GA patients? Rigid, semi-rigid, flexible?
Diagnostic outpatients mainly rigid hysteroscopes 5.5mm . Flexible scopes are available, a stock of 10 are kept on the unit.
Operative outpatients 6.6mm hysteroscopes
Operative inpatient up to 9mm.
8. What is the minimum training and accreditation (e.g. RCOG ATSM) that all your NEW hysteroscopists must have?
Doctors; operative hysteroscopy RCOG trained.
Nurses; PG cert BSGE trained and accredited every 3 years.
9. What % diagnostic outpatient hysteroscopy/biopsy patients had an incomplete procedure which was repeated with epidural, GA or sedation?
This information is not readily available.

10. Does your Trust have a psychosexual counselling service for PTSD caused by severe procedural pain?
Yes, not solely for PTSD related to procedural pain. Counsellor who provides one clinic per week for patients including but not limited, to dyspareunia, pelvic trauma, vaginismus

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in sending our response.

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review in accordance with Section VI Complaints Procedures of the Section 45 Code of Practice of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: and in accordance with Appendix E of the Trust's Code of Practice for Responding to Requests for Information (v 4.0 dated 31/03/14).

If you wish to complain you should contact:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications

Yours sincerely



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