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**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

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**5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to your request for information received on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Does your Trust currently have both an inpatient (day-case) pathway and an outpatient pathway for hysteroscopy?**  
Yes
- 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)?**  
11.6% is our overall figure for diagnostic and operative. We cannot provide the split between operative and diagnostic as this is not recorded accurately within our outpatient data.
- 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?**  
6 Weeks.
  - a) under the 2 week wait as an urgent referral for suspected womb cancer?**  
2 Weeks.
  - b) not under the 2 week wait?**  
11 Weeks.

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- 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 over 90%
- b) 50% operative hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?**  
Yes over 50%
- 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?**  
The Trust has not been chosen to participate in the BSGE outpatient hysteroscopy benchmarking survey.
- 6. Is entonox or pentrox routinely available to all your outpatient hysteroscopy patients?**  
Yes
- 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?**
- No 1 – Audit looking at correlation between Ultrasound scan endometrial thickness and hysteroscopy findings in women with Heavy menstrual bleeding who had outpatient hysteroscopy.  
Presented at the RCOG World Congress and was one of top scoring presentation at the Congress. Year 2021.
- No 2 – Re-audit of Thermablate endometrial ablation done in outpatient hysteroscopy clinic Presented at the ESGE International conference in Belgium. Year 2021.
- No 3 – Original pilot audit of Thermablate endometrial ablation procedure in outpatient hysteroscopy clinic.  
Presented at the RCOG World Congress. Year 2018.
- No 4 – Audit of pain scores using KAPT Block (a new innovative type of para-cervical block developed at Kingsmill Hospital by Raphael Laiyemo) using traditional para-cervical block as standard. Audit carried out on patients undergoing Myosure and Novasure operative hysteroscopy procedures.  
Shows KAPT Block was very effective in reducing pain for patients.  
Presented at RCOG World Congress in 2016 and won top scoring abstract.  
Re – Presented in 2021 at the National Trainees conference by one of the registrars.
- 9. Are pain scores taken at all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?**  
No.
- 10. Does your Trust have a Procedural Sedation Analgesia clinic for 'minor gynae' including hysteroscopy?**  
Hysteroscopy Clinic does not have a procedural sedation analgesia clinic as sedation is not recommended by both the RCOG and BSGE for outpatient hysteroscopy.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

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Yours sincerely

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